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UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE IN AMERICA IS BEING CONSIDERED

Citizen Army Plan is Designed for Quick Change from Volunteer Basis.

FAIR AND DEMOCRATIC

That is Breckenridge's View of Universal Service; May be Garrison's.

Britain's Efforts Are Being Anxiously Watched.

Washington, Dec. 28. — Great Britain's effort to carry on the war without resort to conscription is being anxiously watched in its every development by the American War Department, because, army officers say, the United Kingdom's situation touches at the root of conditions the United States faces in carrying out the administration army increase programme.

If Great Britain decided for conscription, high officials said today, a long step will have been taken toward the time when universal service will be generally accepted in the United States as a necessity. If Great Britain goes on with volunteers, American officials feel that nothing short of a great military defeat would bring the United States to universal service.

Essential to Preparedness.

Entirely aside from its part in the European war, officials believe, the question of whether service with the colors in time of need shall be a legally recognized duty of citizenship is of vital importance on this side of the Atlantic. The virtually unanimous opinion of the commissioned personnel of the army and civil officers of the War Department is said to be that adequate preparedness only can be secured on the basis of universal military service.

While Secretary Garrison has made no public declaration of his own opinion, Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, who frequently serves as his chief's spokesman, has clearly indicated in public utterances adherence to the belief that universal service is the only fair and democratic solution to the military problem of the Nation. Signs are not lacking that the military committee of Congress will be formally acquainted with this view at the coming hearings, either by the Secretary himself or by an authorized spokesman.

It is understood, however, that the department will urge that the vital thing is to put through at the present session a definite statement of military policy and create machinery for organization of a citizen army, volunteers to begin with, but based ultimately on universal service. Department officials are unwilling to see the fate of their policy as expressed by the general staff and Mr. Garrison jeopardized by tying up with the universal service issue which may be well disposed of after the policy has been written.

Continental Army Plan.

The administration's continental army plan, it was defined authoritatively tonight, is designed to operate with either the volunteer or the universal service system. It was framed with the Swiss system as a model and lacks only one feature—that of compulsory service—to adapt that system to what army officers regard as American needs and conditions. Should events prove that a sufficient number of volunteers will not come forward or public sentiment undergo a change in favor of universal military service, a brief amendment in the law would set the continental army machinery in motion with little delay to establish the citizen army of the Nation on that basis.

Regulations contemplated by the framers of the plan to put the continental army project into effect include the division of the country into military divisions corresponding generally to the present congressional districts. Each military district would be called upon for 333 recruits annually. In the event that compulsory service were decided upon, it is stated the only action necessary would be to authorize the War Department in any year when the quota of recruits from any district has not been made up voluntarily by a pre-determined date, to draft the necessary men for that purpose from the portion of the population of the district liable for military service.

Advocates of the administration plan say that the 400,000 men with the colors and 400,000 reserve proposed to be produced within six years will not constitute a force adequate to the needs of the Nation and they do not contend that the proposed two months of intensive training a year for three years is sufficient to make a soldier.

As a matter of fact, they do not believe it will be possible to secure more than 30 days training annually under a purely volunteer system.

It is an open secret that the plan is

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MOVE ON SALONIKI SEEMS ABANDONED

Situation in Balkans Most Peaceful in Weeks.

ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE

Renewal of Activities on Eastern and Western Fronts—Terrible Battle in Progress in Bessarabia, Says German Dispatch.

London, Dec. 28.—While there has been considerable renewal of activity at several points on both the eastern and western fronts in the past 24 hours, the situation in the Balkans has the most peaceful appearance in weeks. Dispatches from both Germanic and Entente sources agree that the probability of an Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive against Saloniki is disappearing with the withdrawal of the Bulgarian frontier guards to purely defensive positions well behind the Greek frontier.

The Associated Press Vienna correspondent declares that the Central Powers have come to regard any offensive against Saloniki as a measure promising only embarrassments and no advantages. In fact, the Central Powers are inclined to regard the huge Entente force at Saloniki as safely cooped up, useless and expensive and that, therefore, it would be an advantage to the Central Powers to let it remain there.

French Advance Admitted.

On the western front the German official communication admits a French advance of Hitzstein, but gives no details. There also has been further activity in the Vosges district with intense artillery fighting along the whole front of Hartmans Weilerkopf.

Vienna reports the Russians attacking fiercely on the Dneister and in Bessarabia. The Austrian communication speaks of the Russians advancing in serried lines 15 and 16 deep, which the artillery broke up with huge Russian losses.

A dispatch from German sources says a terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia.

The German campaign in the Near East and beyond, according to today's telegrams, is to be pushed with the utmost vigor and energy. Field Marshal von Mackensen is reported to be the leader selected for the new theatre of operations, and the invasion of Egypt is said to be his immediate object. Numbers of trains are reported to be conveying ammunition and guns to Constantinople and other preparations are being pushed on a big scale.

for Spring Campaigns.

From many isolated fronts come reports of preparations for spring campaigns, either in the form of a change in the location of large bodies of troops or in the building of fortifications. Along the Dvinsk and Bug lines the Germans are said to be constructing colossal fortifications equipped with heavy artillery and with machine guns and automatic rifles supplied in unlimited quantities.

The Bulgarians are reported to be busy entrenching their armies [illegible]

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JURY MUST DECIDE IN NEW HAVEN CASE

Motions for Dismissal of Indictments Denied by Judge.

DEFENSE NOW AT BAT

Attorneys Begin Presentation of Directors' Side of Case, Which is Expected to Take Less Than Three Days.

New York, Dec. 28.—Hopes of the 11 former New Haven railroad directors that the Sherman law conspiracy charge against them would never reach a jury dissolved today when Judge Hunt denied the motions of their counsel for the dismissal of the indictment and ruled that the case should be submitted to the jury on the facts as applied to each and all the defendants.

The court denied also the motion to strike out the government's testimony on the so-called Metropolitan Steamship deal which chiefly involved Edward D. Robbins, former general counsel of the road, but which the government contends implicates the other defendants also. The court said, however, that this denial of the motion carried no prejudice against its renewal at a later date. The sole consolation for the defense was the granting of a motion to strike out certain documentary testimony against the defendant, Charles F. Brooker.

Without attempting to outline to the jury what they intended to prove, the attorneys for the defendants then began the presentation of their side of the case which, it was said, would occupy less than three days. Lewis Cass Ledyard was a witness in his own defense and Charles M. Pratt will testify tomorrow. Unless present plans are changed, no other defendant will testify.

Rockefeller Excused.

An excuse for not calling William Rockefeller was given on the stand by his physician, Walter F. Chappelle, who said the aged millionaire was ill with a cold and that the ordeal would seriously endanger his life. He explained that his patient, afflicted with throat trouble, was subject to spasms of the epiglottis when under strain or excitement or when suffering from a cold.

Edward D. Robbins is also ill with the grippe at his home in New Haven, it was learned.

General denial of all the charges against him was made by Mr. Ledyard in testimony that was not finished when the court adjourned.

He placed upon the shoulders of Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven, the responsibility for the acts which the witness approved as a director.

Mellen Perfect Marvel.

"Mr. Mellen would preside at the directors' meetings," said the witness. "He would have in front of him an enormous mass of papers, formal reports and memoranda. He would take these up one by one and he knew exactly what each contained. I never saw his equal as a presiding officer; he was a perfect marvel. He had everything at his tongue's end just as you have seen him testify here. We had great confidence in Mr. Mellen. He was thoroughly familiar with all the needs and conditions in New England and his recommendations carried great weight. Sometimes one of us would disagree with him, but his suggestions usually were adopted."

New York, Dec. 28.—Ted (Kid) Lewis, of England, outfought Willie Ritchie, of San Francisco, in every round, except one of their ten round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight.

EIGHT INDICTED ON CHARGE OF EFFORT TO CAUSE STRIKES

As Part of Campaign, Financed by German Government, to Stop Munitions Plants.

LAMAR IS AMONG THEM

One Congressman, One Ex-Congressman and One Attorney General of Ohio.

New York, Dec 28. — Eight men, including a Congressman, a former Congressman and a former attorney general of Ohio, were indicted today by a Federal grand jury on a charge of conspiring to foment strikes in American munition factories as part of a campaign, financed by the German government, to check the exportation of munitions to the Entente Allies. The men indicted were Congressmen Frank Buchanan, of Illinois; former Congressman H. Robert Fowler, of Illinois; Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio; H. B. Martin, Herman Schulteis, Franz von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob C. Taylor.

All of the men except Von Rintelen and Lamar are officers or former officers of Labor's National Peace Council. The government charges that this organization was financed by Franz von Rintelen, a German agent, to instigate strikes in munition plants while ostensibly working in the interests of international peace.

Von Rintelen is at present prisoner of war in England. Lamar, known as the "wolf of Wall Street," is said to have been his paymaster. No warrants were issued for the arrest of any of the indicted men, as District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall stated that he had reason to believe most of the defendants would appear voluntarily to enter pleas.

None of the indicted men reside in New York. The majority are either in

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TO TALK PEACE TERMS

Geneva, Switzerland, via Paris, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Vienna says:

"Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollwegg is expected in Vienna shortly with the full conditions under which the Central Powers will accept peace. After discussing the terms with Baron von Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, the conditions will be officially communicated to the Allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference be held at The Hague."

War News at a Glance

Conscription in modified form is considered probable in Great Britain. Late London dispatches say that the British cabinet has virtually decided upon a bill to this end, which will be introduced in the house of commons next week and give the government the power to act in case of necessity.

The cabinet councils in London have aroused intense interest because of the rumors of dissension among the members, or their inability to come to an agreement on the question of how the British army is to be brought up to the standard deemed essential to the winning of the war. But the latest reports of the cabinet meetings would seem to indicate that the ministers have found a way out of the difficulties confronting them.

The situation in the Balkans—the point of chief interest for the moment in the war—is quiescent. The French and British, behind their defensive lines at Saloniki, are reported in a dispatch from British headquarters to be well prepared for any attack by the Teutonic allies. These lines describe an arc of about 50 miles extending from the Vardar river to the Gulf of Orphanos and are well suited by nature to the requirements of a scientific defense.

Doubt is expressed in Vienna that the Austro-Germans will attack the British and French at Saloniki on the ground that so long as the Entente Allies are merely held in that position they can do no harm and the expedition will continue to prove a costly one, as well as hazardous, because of the length of the allies communications. Unofficial advices from Rumania say that Germany is preparing for a powerful Egyptian campaign in which the Turks, Germans and Austrians will take part. The proposed army for the venture, it is estimated will number from 500,000 to 800,000 men.

A Vienna dispatch arriving in Switzerland says the German imperial chancellor shortly will arrive in Vienna with the full conditions under which the Central Powers will accept peace and that, after a conference with the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, the conditions will be made known officially to the Entente Allies.

Again the Russians have vigorously assumed the offensive on the Bessarabian front of Eastern Galicia and along the Pruth river, but, according to Vienna, their attacks collapsed under the Austrian fire.

Except at Hartsmans Wielerkopf in the Vosges mountains there has been no noteworthy engagement in the West in which infantry has has taken part. Elsewhere on all the battle fronts the fighting has been with the artillery and by sappers and bomb throwers. At Hartsmans Weilerkopf s ome German trenches were captured by the French.

BUT ONE HOPE NOW FOR WORLD PEACE

Powerful International Tribunal; Definite Code of Laws.

HON. ELIHU ROOT TALKS

Only Hope Lies in Real Restraint of Nations by Powerful International Tribunal Operating Under Definite Code of Laws.

Washington, Dec. 28.—In the real restraint of nations by powerful international tribunals operating under a definite code of laws alone lies hope of world peace, Elihu Root, former Secretary of State and senator from New York, declared in an address here tonight. He was speaking before a joint session of a sub-section of international law of the Pan-American Scientific Congress and the American Society of International Law, of which he is president.

"The Christian church has been urging peace and good will among men for 19 centuries, and still there is war," said Mr. Root. "Concerts of Europe and alliances and ententes and skillful balance of power all lead ultimately to war. Conciliation, good will, love of peace, human sympathy are all ineffective without institutions through which they can act. Only the possibility of establishing real restraint by law seems to remain to give effect to the undoubted will of the vast majority of mankind."

"When this war is ended, the civilized world will have to determine whether what we call international law is to be continued as a mere code of etiquette or is to be a real body of laws imposing obligations much more definite and inevitable than they have been heretofore. It must be one thing or the other. The sacrifice of millions of lives, millions homeless and in poverty, industry and commerce destroyed, overwhelming national debts—all will naturally produce a strong desire to do something that will prevent the same thing happening again.

"Imperfect and conflicting as is the information upon which the conjecture is based, I think there is ground for the hope that from the horrors of violated law a stronger law will come.

"During all the desperate struggles and emergencies of the great war, the conflicting nations from the beginning have been competing for the favorable judgment of the rest of the world with a solicitude which shows what a mighty power even now that opinion is. Nor can we doubt that this will be a different world when peace comes.

"Some of us believe that the hope of the world's progress lies in the spread and perfection of democratic self-government. It may be that out of the rack and welter of the great conflict may arise a general consciousness that it is the people who are to be considered, their rights and liberties to govern and be governed for themselves, rather than rulers' ambitions and policies of aggrandizement. If that be so, our hopes will be realized, for autocracy can protect itself by arbitrary power but the people can protect themselves only by the rule of law."

John Bassett Moore, former counselor of the State Department; George C. Wilson, professor of international law at Harvard University, and other authorities on international law addressed the joint meeting.

During a day session Dr. Jacob Gould Schurmann, of Cornell University, predicted the settlement of future controversies by arbitration. Force as a general means of settling controversies had failed, he said.

More than a score of conventions were held in connection with the congress during the day.

ANCONA CASE BEGINS TO TAKE ON ASPECTS OF ANOTHER CRISIS

SAYS U-BOAT FLEW FLAG OF AUSTRIA

Report from Malta Describes Sinking of French Steamer.

WAS GIVEN NO WARNING

Vessel Took Final Plunge Before All on Board Had Time to Get Into Life Boats, Some of Which Were Swamped.

London, Dec. 28. — The submarine which appeared on the surface shortly after the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat was torpedoed off the island of Crete, flew the Austrian flag, according to a dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, from Malta today.

"It is learned from survivors," says the dispatch, "that the vessel was off Crete on her way from Japan for Marseilles, when, at 10 o'clock on the morning of December 24, without the slightest warning, she was shaken by a terrific explosion, following which a submarine appeared flying the Austrian flag. There were on board 263 passengers, for the most part French, among whom were 13 children and a number of women, and 13 officers and a crew of 168, the sailors being chiefly lascars.

"Following the explosion, there was a terrific inrush of water through a holt in the stern, yet there was no panic. The passengers gathered on deck showed the greatest cooiness. Five life boats and rafts were released. One of the boats, loaded with women and children, capsized and all in it were drowned, and another boat was smashed against the steamer's side.

"Before the rest on board were able to leave, the vessel took her final plunge, to which the majority of the deaths were due.

"Passengers say that a Dutch steamer and a Greek steamer were in sight just previous to the torpedoing, and, therefore, they believe that one of them sheltered the submarine. The steamers disappeared after the torpedoing.

"The submarine, according to the accounts of these passengers, remained on the scene until the torpedoed vessel sank, and then circled around the life boats, calling in a jeering manner: 'There is a British steamer behind you; she will pick you up.'

"Two hours later the steamer Meroc picked up the survivors and brought them to Malta, although she had insufficient food and accommodations for 238 extra passengers

"One survivor relates that the submarine picked up two persons struggling in the water and placed them on a raft."

GOVERNOR HANNA QUITS

Is Sick and Abandons the Ford Peace Expedition

London, Dec. 28.—Governor L. B. Hanna, of North Dakota, has officially severed his connection with the Ford expedition, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company today from Copenhagen. The dispatch adds that Governor Hanna is very ill, probably with typhoid.

Teutonic Diplomatic Circles in Washington Prepared for Break in Relations.

AUSTRIA IS OBSTINATE

Forthcoming Reply to American Note Will Fail to Meet the U. S.'s Demands.

Subject of Submarine Warfare May be Reopened.

Washington, Dec. 28. — Unofficial advices received here today, conformed with intimations from abroad that Austria's forthcoming reply to the Ancona note will fail to meet the demands of the United States and Teutonic diplomatic circles here were authoritatively represented as being prepared for a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Various developments, it was agreed, might avoid such an eventuality, but none of the counter proposals which it has been intimated the Vienna foreign office might advance have been regarded so far as coming within Secretary Lansing's renewal of the demands for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander who sunk the Ancona with the loss of more than a dozen American lives.

Aspects of a Crisis Again.

Now that the situation, after being dormant nearly two weeks, is again beginning to take on the aspects of a crisis, the status of the negotiations of the United States over submarine warfare against merchantmen, not with Austria alone, but with the Teutonic powers as allies, is commanding attention.

Although Germany has given the United States assurances that she will conform to the principle of visit and search before attack, the practices against which the United States so vigorously contended are being carried on now by her ally, Austria, and it has been charged that the Austrian submarines are in some instances furnished by Germany and in others are officered and manned by the German navy. Such a situation, it is being pointed out, amounts to practically a defeat of the submarine negotiations with Germany.

Furthermore the impasse in the Lusitania negotiations becomes a factor in the situation.

It is admitted that the United States scarcely can require Austria to conduct submarine warfare in its relation to the rights of neutrals in a manner different from that permitted by Germany.

What Germany Has Admitted

Germany has admitted her obligation not to sink liners without giving warning and making provision for the safety of passengers and crew, providing there was no resistance. So far no agreement has been reached as to the exact meaning of the word liners. The Germans hold it applicable to vessels carrying passengers alone and plying between certain ports on regular schedules. The State Department's view has been that the term includes any merchant ship belonging to a regular steam ship line, but no issue has been made of the differing interpretations because Germany has undertaken to use such precautions as may be consistent with the use of the submarine to warn merchantmen and to insure the safety of the passengers and crew, provided these are not a part of the military establishments of the enemy.

The demand of the United States upon Austria, in connection with the Ancona case, is broader than any German admission being based upon the contention that international law, The Hague coventions, and the Declaration of London all require warning before sinking a vessel, and insurance of the safety of the passegers and crew, even when the vessel is of belligerent ownership and where she does not comply with German ideas of the term liner.

The Austrian government has not admitted any such obligations and recent events in the Mediterranean indicate that her submarine commanders are sinking merchantmen without warning and without inquiry as to whether they carry neutral passengers. So far no explanation beyond that of military necessity has been offered for this violation of what the State Department regards as the elementary principles of international law and of humane warfare.

What is Expected.

Unless the expected note from that government should amount to a sudden and total severance of diplomatic relations, it is expected in official quarters that the Austrian foreign office will seek to justify its methods, perhaps adopting one of the original German contentions in the Lusitania case, that the appearance of the submarine as a weapon of war, has introduced new problems and not only justified but demanded a departure from the old rules.

BOY-ED DENOUNCES PRESS OF AMERICA AS HE SAILS WITH HOUSE AND WHITLOCK

Predicts That in Self-Defense the Government Will Yet Find it Necessary to Curb Reckless Utterances of "Irresponsible" Newspapers of the United States—House and Whitlock Do No Talking.

New York, Dec. 28.—Captain Karl Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attache, Colonel Edward M. House, President Wilson's emissary, and Brand Whitlock, American minister at Brussels, boarded the steamship Rotterdam within a few mintes of each other today to sail for Europe. Colonel House and Mr. Whitlock were uncommunicative; but Captain Boy-Ed gave out a written statement in which he denounced what he characterized as "the reckless utterances of an irresponsible press," and predicted that the American government would, "in self defense," some day find it necessary to curb such utterances.

Colonel House said he would visit the American embassies at London, Paris and Berlin and possibly Vienna. He said his trip would in no way be a peace mission, but that he was going at the request of President Wilson and Secretary Lansing full to inform various American diplomats as to the precise attitude of this Government.

Captain Boy-Ed's statement, given out at the pier, read:

Boy-Ed's Parting Shot.

"Before this terrific war broke out, I had the great fortune of having served almost two and a half years for my emperor as naval attache to the German embassy at Washington. Those years belong not only to the most interesting but also to the most pleasant in my life. I am particularly thankful for the rare comradeship of the American navy that I have been permitted to enjoy, due to the kindness of its gallant and amiable officers.

"The great and cordial hospitality which is so proverbial for Americans and which was extended also to me from the very first day of my arrival in the United States I can never forget.

"Of course, I refrain at the hour of my departure from again refuting all the stories which were told about me in the American papers and which mostly—like the silly Huerta tale—were invented by the Providence Journal.

"This paper, with its British-born Mr. Rathom, has done its utmost to create an almost hysterical suspicion of spy throughout the country in order to prejudice public opinion against Germany.

Don't Understand 'Free Press."

"We Germans do not understand what you call your 'free press.' Our laws allow the fullest personal liberty consistent with the welfare of the state. But we do not permit the diplomatic representatives of friendly governments to be insulted ad libitum or our government to be embarrassed in its dealing with other nations, nor men's reputations to be wantonly sacri-

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CONSCRIPTION IN MODIFIED FORM VIRTUALLY DECIDED UPON BY BRITISH CABINET

Reports of a Crisis Arouse Such Public Interest That Police Are Forced Repeatedly to Clear Downing Street of the Crowds—One Group of Papers Insist Cabinet is Divided on Derby Scheme Hopelessly.

London, Dec. 29.—It is stated on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill, to be introduced in the House of Commons next week, giving the government the necessary power, should it be found needful, to bring in single men and preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

Yesterday's cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure an agreement of all the ministers upon the vexed question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character, and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible single men are effectually brought to the colors.

Therefore, it was resolved that at the earliest opportunity a bill should be introduced in Parliament in order that the government might have the necessary power, should it be found no other course was effective to this end.

Premier Asquith is expected to make a statement on the whole question in the House of Commons on Wednesday or Thursday of next week and announce the speedy introduction of a bill of a permissive character, making service in the army obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to attest under the Derby scheme.

Protracted Session of Cabinet.

With the re-opening of Parliament only a week distant, there was another protracted session of the British cabinet yesterday on a question of conscription—or compulsion, as it is more politely called in England. Sensational press reports of the cabinet situation aroused such an unusual public interest in the assembling that the police were forced repeatedly to clear Downing street of the crowds.

In the absence of any official statements, it is difficult to say exactly how serious is the present situation of the cabinet. The members certainly maintain the appearance of outward calm, which would hint that the difficulty is more a matter of deciding on methods and details than a radical difference on basic principles.

The press has again divided itself into two groups, one of which insists that the cabinet is hopelessly divided and must surely split on the situation created by the results of the Derby scheme while the other group declares that the alleged crisis is largely the product of excited agitation led by the Northcliffe press.

The truth probably lies somewhere in the middle ground between these two views. It is admitted that difficulties have arisen in connection with

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J. JAMES OF ONSLOW IS KILLED BY SON-IN-LAW

Claud Suggs Taken to Newbern Jail For Safe Keeping

Elder Man Fired Upon, It is Said, Because He Interfered in Quarrel Between His Son and Son-in-Law, at Own Home.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 28.—If the details of the affair are as reported here, one of the most brutal murders in the history of Onslow county was perpetrated last evening, when J. James was shot and instantly killed. His son-in-law, Claud Suggs, a well known farmer, whose home is about three miles from Jacksonville, is charged with the crime. The shooting occurred at the home of the victim and a shotgun was the weapon used. The load of shot entered the victim's stomach and he died within a minute or so after falling to the ground.

According to reports reaching Newbern, Suggs, who married one of Mr. James' daughters, had been having some domestic trouble and had gotten the idea that his wife's family had something to do with it. On the evening of the shooting he, so it is said, took his shotgun and started out to look for her brother. At that time the brother was at the home of his father and to that place Suggs went. Arriving on the scene, Suggs is said to have attempted to shoot the young man whom he was seeking, but was prevented from doing so by a neighbor who happened to be on the premises.

When Suggs arrived at the James home, the elder man was eating his supper. Hearing the argument out in the yard, he arose and went out to investigate and when he saw Suggs standing nearby with his gun, he begged him not to shoot his son. It is said that Suggs became enraged at the old man's interference, threw up his weapon and fired and the full load of shot struck him.

Seeing that he had killed the man, Suggs left the premises and struck out for the woods. A short time later a posse was formed to search for the slayer, but in the meantime he had gone to Jacksonville and surrendered himself to the jailer, the sheriff being absent at that time.

Feeling against Suggs is at fever heat around Jacksonville and in order to avert any further trouble Suggs has been brought to Newbern and placed in the Craven county jail for safe keeping.

Suggs' wife is said to have declared that she sincerely hoped her husband would be given the limit of the law and made to pay the penalty for the murder of her father.

Fatal Brawl in Craven.

As a culmination of a drunken brawl at James City on Christmas Eve, Clarence Kennedy, colored, is dead, and Dave Bryant, also colored, is in Craven county jail awaiting trial for his life at the next term of Superior court.

The shooting occurred about 9 o'clock in the evening. Witnesses say that Bryant was drunk and that Kennedy had also been drinking. The two men became engaged in an altercation and Bryant drew a revolver and fired a bullet through Kennedy's head.

A telephone message telling of the shooting was sent to Newbern and a physician was soon on the scene, as were officers. The wounded man was carried to St. Luke's hospital, but it was seen at first that death was only a matter of minutes and this occurred a short time after the victim had reached the city.

In the meantime the officers had learned that Bryant was in hiding at a certain house in James City and they made a raid upon it, finding the murderer in the building and having in his hand the revolver with which the fatal shot was fired.

TWO DEPARTMENTS MAY PROBE INTO SOARING GASLOINE PRICE

Trade Commission Already Investigating; State Department to Act.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Investigations to determine the cause of soaring gasoline prices probably will be conducted simultaneously by two government agencies. Federal Trade Commission investigators, it was learned today, already are at work and Department of Justice officials are considering undertaking an inquiry.

The trade commission seeks to ascertain the truth of charges that gasoline prices have risen sharply only at points where the bigger oil concerns have no opposition and that prices are near normal at competitive points. Its investigation will turn, too, to the supply of crude petroleum to determine whether there is an actual shortage, which has been offered as a cause for price increases.

The investigators are awaiting publication within a few days of the Geological Survey's estimate of the 1915 production of crude petroleum, which they expect to show an increased output. Production in 1914 exceeded that in 1913 and the last bulletin issued by the survey showed production for the first half of 1915 to be not less than 145,000,000 barrels, compared with a total of about 290,000,000 for the entire previous year.

TUG AND CREW BELIEVED LOST.

The Daniel Villard, With 20 Men, Disappears in Gulf of Mexico.

Havana, Dec. 28.—That the American tug Daniel Villard was lost during a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico last week, with her crew of 20 men, was the belief expressed today by the captain of the American molasses tank barge Detroit, which was towed into port by the Cuban steamer Regina.

The Regina picked up the Detroit while the tank was adrift in the Gulf of Mexico, December 24, with seven men on board. The Detroit was on her way from New Orleans to Antilla for a cargo in two of the tug Daniel Villard and was struck by a hurricane December 20. The towing lines parted during the storm and the Detroit was adrift until the Regina picked her up.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.—Joseph Johnson and Vernon Willis, members of the crew of the American schooner Mark Pendleton, held in connection with the alleged murder of Charles Brown on the high seas while the vessel was bound from Norfolk, Va., to Fayal, Azores, were released late today on a writ of habeas corpus before Federal Judge Call. Attorneys for the pair contended that there was nothing to show that a murder had been committed. It is understood no further action will be taken by Federal authorities here.

LAST WORD IN TOURIST TRAINS

A. C. L. New York-Florida Trains Start Next Monday.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 28.—There is more than passing interest in the announcement from the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line, at Wilmington, of the inauguration on Monday, January 3rd, of the through New York to Florida winter tourist train. This company will serve its patrons over double trackage practically two thirds of the way, or from New York to South Carolina. The first train to leave New York will be from the Pennsylvania station on Monday afternoon. The first train into New York from Jacksonville will follow four days later.

Officials of the company have all plans arranged for this new service which it is proposed will be "the" which it is purposed will be maintained along more luxurious lines than ever before. It is the purpose of the company to have this train in its every department the last word in tourist service.

SUBSCRIPTIONS MOSTLY CASH

French Government Much Elated Over Success of Government Loan.

Paris, Dec. 28.—"Subscriptions to the new government loan exceeding 14,500,000,000 francs are, for the greater part, in cash," says an official announcement made today.

"France may be proud of this great financial success," continues the statement. "This fine result has been obtained healthily, without speculation. The banks have not made advances upon the security. There has been no hypothetication of credit. The subscriptions are actually the dispositable resources of the nation which have been brought to the treasury. Great sums are still in the hands of the people and at the bottom of the stocking which will be available. Besides, France has important holdings of important securities which not the least part has been sold.

"The confidence in our credit abroad is great. England, Switzerland, Holland, Spain, Argentine and other countries have subscribed important sums to the loan."

PLANT CLOSED DOWN.

Russell Shook & Lumber Co., of Wilson, in Bad Way.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 28.—The W. L. Russell Shook & Lumber Company, a concern which for a number of years has employed several hundred hands and manufactures boxes for the Northern trade, closed down Monday and a meeting of creditors is in progress. Some time ago the concern suffered a disastrous fire but rebuilt the plant and fitted it with the latest type of machinery. Then Mr. Russell sold out his interest to the Collier Brothers, who have been operating the plant under the former name. Mr. Russell holds liens against the machinery. It is estimated this morning that the concern owes over $40,000 and with practically no assets.

U. S SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE.

Whether National Banks May Act as Trustee, Executor, Etc.

Washington, Dec. 28. — M. C. Elliott, counsel for the Federal Reserve Board, issued a statement tonight announcing that the question of the right of the board to authorize national banks under the Reserve act to act as trustee, executor, administrator, and registrar of stocks and bonds, would be submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States for final determination. Mr. Elliott said that the decision of the Illinois State Supreme Court denying these rights to national banks in that state would not affect the position of the board.

MIDDLESEX FIRM FAILS

Receiver Appointed for Mercantile House of High Brothers.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 28.—High Bros., general merchants of Middlesex, closed their doors Monday and A. S. May, of spring Hope, is appointed receiver. The firm is the oldest and largest mercantile concern in Middlesex and has always done a large business. The inventory is being taken today and the books of the concern are in such condition that it will take time to make a statement of the financial condition of the firm. Conservative estimates made this morning give the total liabilities at $50,000 and the assets at $25,000.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 28.—Philip G. Carter, of New York, junior metropolitan champion, and H. V. Seggerman, Englewood Country Club, tied at 81 for the gold medal in the qualifying round of the annual holiday week golf tournament here today. The tie will be played off later in the week. C. H. Gardner, against W. A. M. Hunt Club was runner up with 82, and F. S. Danforth, North Fork Club, next with 85. One hundred and ten players entered the tournament.

Toledo, O., Dec. 28.—Mayor Carl H. Keller was indicted today on the charge of accepting a bribe, based on a transaction September 15, 1914, when, it is alleged Keller, was given an automobile by B. O. Gamble, local agent of the Peerless Motor Car Company, of Cleveland, to influence the vote of Mayor Keller, as member of the city board of control to award a $65,000 contract to the Peerless Company for motor fire apparatus.

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THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE IS UNDER INDICTMENTS

Millionaire Warden of Sing Sing to be Removed.

Wholesale Charges Made in Two Indictments Containing Seven Counts Returned by Grand Jury—Whitman Astonished

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Thomas Mott Osborne, millionaire warden of Sing Sing prison, will be revode as soon as a successor can be named formally under the law. This action probably will be taken tomorrow, John B. Riley, state superintendent of prisons, said today after he had learned of the specifications in the indictments returned against the Sing Sing executive by the West Chester county grand jury.

Governor Whitman's comment was limited to a brief typewritten statement which read:

"From the first I have believed the charges against Mr. Osborne's personal character entirely unfounded and I am astonished at the action of the grand jury. But, of course, I know nothing whatever of the evidence which was presented to that body."

Osborne was appointed warden of Sing Sing in the latter part of November, 1914, near the close of Governor Glynn's administration. A short time previously he gained considerable publicity by spending a week at Auburn prison, where, as a part of his study of penology, he lived the life of a convict and was known as "Tom Brown."

WHOLESALE CHARGES BROUGHT

Two Indictments Containing Seven Counts Against Sing Sing Warden.

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Two indictments containing seven counts were today returned against Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing, by the West Chester county grand jury, which has been investigating conditions in the prison.

One indictment charged the warden with having committed perjury in his testimony at the recent inquiry conducted by Dr. Rudolph Diedling, of the State Prison Commission. The other indictment contained six counts.

The first count charged that Osborne absented himself from the prison. The second embraced allegations that he failed to perform the duties imposed upon him; that he failed to prevent felonies in the prison and that he failed to report immorality among the prisoners.

The third count charged the warden with permitting convicts to go into the death house to visit Charles Becker. The fourth count charged Osborne with failure to maintain proper discipline and the fifth alleges that he permitted fights between convicts. The sixth contains allegations against the moral character of the warden in his relations with prisoners.

WILSON CONGRATULATED BY HUNDREDS ON 59TH BIRTHDAY

Works Several Hours and Drives Over Snow Covered Mountains.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 28.—On his 59th birthday, President Wilson worked several hours, read hundreds of telegrams of congratulation from people from all over the country, took a long automobile drive over snow covered mountain roads and in the evening had a quiet birthday dinner with his wife in their suite.

A lengthy letter from Secretary Lansing reached the President during the day. It is understood to have given a review of international affairs, discussing particularly the situation growing out of Austria's methods of submarine warfare.

Among the messages of congratulation was one signed by all members of the Cabinet. Many of the others coupled with felicitation expressions of thanks to the President for keeping the country at peace and hope for his reelection.

The feature of the birthday dinner was a cake designed by Mrs. Wilson herself. It was an almond sponge cake, decorated with candy roses and tulips and bearing in white icing the inscription:

"Many happy returns, W. W."

PROBE WILL BE MADE OF CONDITIONS AT HOPEWELL.

On Representations from State Department, Following Russian Petition.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Protection for Russian subjects living at Hopewell, Va., was asked of the State Department today by the Russian ambassador, George Bakhmeteff. The ambassador said he had received complaints alleging mistreatment of Russians by the state military authorities and police who have been administering martial law at Hopewell since that powder plant boom town was swept by fire several weeks ago.

Secretary Lansing forwarded the ambassador's complaint to Governor Stuart, at Richmond, who promptly replied that an investigation of the charges would be made immediately.

Ambassador Bakhmeteff's action followed the bayonetting of a Russian yesterday by a militiaman. According to unofficial report, that man attempted to escape during a raid on a house suspected of being used for the sale of liquor.

COAST GUARD CUTTER BUSY.

The Onondaga Lends Assistance to Several Vessels in Distress.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—The coast guard cutter Onondaga tonight anchored in Lynn Haven roads the barge Rockland, which broke away from the tug Defiance during a northwest gale Sunday night.

The barge Dendren also broke away but was picked up by the Defiance. The Rockland, after the towing hawser parted, anchored off Chincoteague and awaited the arrival of the Onondaga, which was cruising off the Virginia Capes at the time.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The American Civic Association, which began its 11th annual convention here today, set in motion tonight its plan to centralize control of the scenic, recreational and historical reservations of the country. A bill proposing a national parks commission to be introduced by Representative Kent, of California, was discussed.

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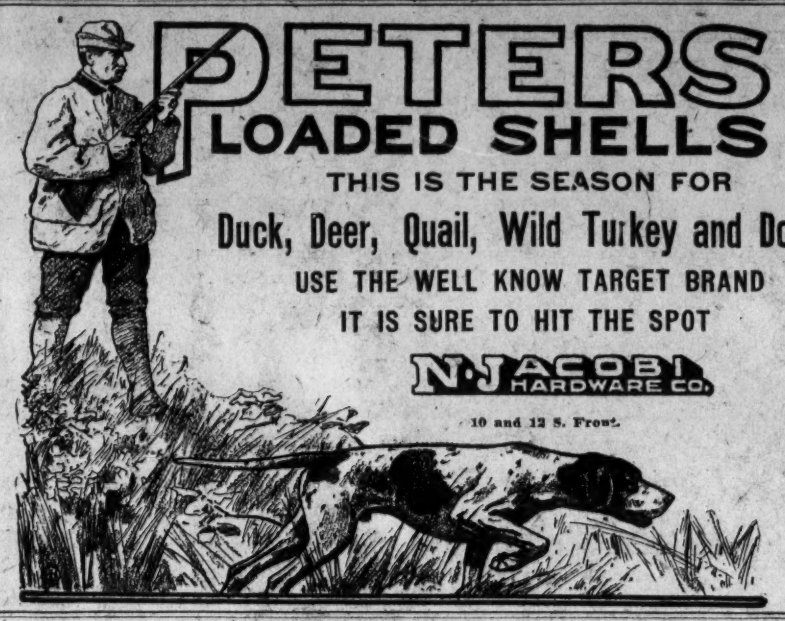

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

IN PURSUANCE of a Decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in the case of John D. James, Executor, against Hattie Hammonds and others, the undersigned Commissioner heretofore appointed by an order in the above entitled cause, will sell at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the 10th day of January, A. D., 1916, at 12 o'clock M., at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following described tract of land.

BEGINNING at a point in the Eastern line of Eighth street One Hundred and thirty-two (132) feet North from the Northern line of Castle street, and runs thence Northwardly along the Eastern line of Eighth street Sixty-six (66) feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with the Northern line of Castle street Ninety-nine (99) feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with the Eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six (66) feet; and thence Westwardly and parallel with the Northern line of Castle street Ninety-nine (99) feet to the beginning; the same being the Western part of lot No. 4, in block No. 94, according to the official plan of said City of Wilmington.

The purchaser at said sale, under the order of the Court, is required to deposit Twenty-five per cent in cash of the amount of his bid as security for the performance of same.

A. G. RICAUD,
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December 10, 1915.

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THEATRICAL

A thrilling two-reel tale of life in India, "The Vengeance of Rannah," a stirring two-reel Selig feature at the top of the list at the Grand today, will be one of the most enjoyable offerings of the week. Valuable jewels are stolen from a temple in India, and the novel way in which the thief is punished for committing the sacrilege forms the motive of the stirring story it unfolds, written by James Oliver Curwood, who is past master in injecting human interest into such stories. The atmosphere of the story is finely sustained and the acting has been entrusted to a competent cast, including George Larkin, Marion Warner and Lafayette McKee.

A leap from a bridge to the top of a fast speeding express train is one of the great stunts pulled off by Helen Gibson in "The Girl and the Special," an episode of "The Hazards of Helen." Helen Gibson does other thrilling deeds during the action of the picture and maintains the high reputation of the series, with no apparent shock to her nerves. It is simply great.

Bobby Connelly, the Vitagraph comedian, makes a great hit in "Sonny Jim and the Great American Game," a rousing baseball comedy, full of hits, which winds up today's big bill.

"Battle Cry of Peace."

Stirring beyond belief, startling in its realism, "The Battle Cry of Peace" enters the third and last day of its stand in Wilmington with indications of record breaking crowds for this afternoon and tonight. Every performance since Monday afternoon has seen gradually increasing crowds, as everyone who sees it tells his neighbor that "it's the biggest thing they ever saw." That's the unanimous opinion—and it is true to the letter, for "The Battle Cry of Peace" has no equals—no peers.

Every citizen of Wilmington should see "The Battle Cry of Peace" today. It will be your last opportunity to witness the earth's greatest motion picture spectacle. It opens an engagement of two solid weeks in Richmond, Va., next Monday, playing at a $2 scale. Wilmington has been fortunate in being able to get the reduced rate from what it is playing at all over the country—everywhere it is booked.

The last matinee performance will start at 3:15 this afternoon and tonight at 8:15 the final show will start. If tickets have not already been reserved for tonight, it would be wise to secure them as early this morning as possible. Many were disappointed in expecting to get good seats last night.

All-Star Bill at Bijou.

It is another great all-star bill at the Bijou today. Of course the current number of "The Diamond from the Sky" heads the bill, although there are other ones big enough to lead off with. The two-reel chapter of "The Diamond from the Sky" today is one of the most thrilling yet. It is full of great incidents, replete with unexpected developments and thrilling climaxes, and contains some of the necessary elements to the successful conclusion of this great and thrilling serial drama. If you are following this great serial, you certainly don't want to miss this chapter.

Matt Moore and Jane Gail are seen in one of the greatest two-reel Imp comedy dramas of the year, "The Little Lady Across the Way," produced by M. B. Harvey and written by Matt Moore. "The Little Lady Across the Way," tells a delightful story of everyday life, and is one of life's little romances that found its way to the screen and is stranger, every time, than fiction.

"Keeping It Dark," is a rousing Nestor scream with Ray Gallagher and Billie Rhodes leading at the fun making.

Bushman-Snow at Royal.

The many admirers of Francis X. Bushman and Marguerite Snow will be delighted to learn that they appear jointly at the Royal today in that great Metro-Quality production, of Otis Skinner's sensational stage success, "The Silent Voice," which was presented at the Liberty Theatre in New York City last season. The original play which is from the pen of Jules Eckert Goodman, and which the screen adaptation follows closely, deals with the tragedy in the life of a talented and wealthy musician, who thrice suffers a terrible misfortune, first in the death of his mother, to whom he is deeply devoted, then in the loss of his hearing and finally in the seeming perfidy of his wife, Marguerite Snow playing the role of the wife.

Mr. Bushman in the character of the musician scores one of the most notable triumphs of his long and eminent screen career, and receives splendid support from Miss Snow as the misjudged wife.

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E. M. COX, ESQ., DEAD.

Farmville Lawyer Found Dead in Bed. Negro Accidentally Killed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 28.—E. M. Cox, Farmville's leading lawyer, died there today. He was so unwell that he kept his bed this morning. When friends visited his room about noon he was found dead in bed. He had been in Farmville several years, coming from Onslow county, where his parents live. He leaves a wife and children, who live in Norfolk.

While hunting near Quinnerly, this county, yesterday Alonzo Waters killed Henry Williams by accidental discharge of his gun. They were young colored boys, about grown. Alonzo had fired one barrel of his gun, leaving the hammer of the other barrel sprung, which was accidentally discharged.

F. London's five and ten cent store, made an assignment, naming S. C. C. Pierce assignee; liabilities about $8,000.

KILLS WOMAN; THEN HIMSELF.

South Carolinian Enraged Because She Testified Against Him.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 28.—Enraged because she had appeared against him yesterday in court where he faced a charge of disorderly conduct, Ed White, a former convict, today attacked Ada Geddings with a knife in front of her home here. He then rushed into her home, lay down on a bed and cut his throat. Both were dead when officers arrived.

White, who was 40 years of age, was convicted here in 1899 and sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a woman. He was pardoned in 1913 by former Governor Blease and recently had been employed at the capitol as a night fireman. The Geddings woman was 30 years old.

PLANS DRAWN BY KINSTONIAN.

For Some of the World's Largest Dreadnaughts, at Quincy, Mass.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 28.—Alpheus R. Kennedy, who is the chief draughtsman in the hull designing department of the Fore River shipyard at Quincy, Mass., is a Kinstonian who is drawing the plans for some of the world's largest dreadnaughts. The hull of a big man-of-war for a South American power was Kennedy's work some months ago. He recently saw the battleship Nevada put through successful trial trips and heard his work lauded. Mr. Kennedy is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Helen Kennedy, and other relatives. Another Kinston man in the same department is Sidney Andrews, also home for the holidays.

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WHAT'S THE CHARGE, OFFICER?
GLOOM
WHY, IT'S MY OLD FRIEND, HIRAM FROM WAYBACK!
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THEM WAS THE HAPPY DAYS!
AND DO YOU REK'LECT THE DAY I PUSHED YOU INTO THE OLD CREEK?
Etc, Etc.
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TOP O' THE MORNING

For myself alone I doubt;
All is well, I know, without;
I alone the beauty mar,
I alone the music jar.
Yet, with hands by evil stained,
And an ear by discord pained,
I am groping for the keys
Of the heavenly harmonies.

— —WHITTIER.

Ford seemed to have lacked a press agent, notwithstanding he had a surplus of newspaper men, writers and journalists along.

Two big achievements for 1916 — a modern highway and an eight-foot waterway between Wilmington and Fayetteville. Those achievements will be worthy or more than one handshake between the two Cape Fear cities.

A few days ago the Hon. John Dillon asked Lord Derby why it was necessary for England to continue calling for volunteers. At this distance it appears that she has to keep on calling because there are hundreds of thousands of able-bodied men who seems to be deaf to all the previous calls.

Wilmington ought to have a city plan for the coming year. A plan to carry on a campaign for several different objects at one time is a good thing for any community. It is a good idea to mobilize first and then send several corps out along different lines of objective. The team which has only one thing to do might get it in its own way on account of its overplus of workers.

The disturbers among the Ford peace party failed to do like the fellow who went to a rotten show on a free ticket. While everybody else guyed, he explained his apparent satisfaction on the ground that a guest should always show his good breeding by being respectful to his host for having endeavored to be considerate of him. One of the ethics of the feudalists was that when a horse of any kind was given to them it was a breach of etiquette to look the gift horse in the mouth.

A contemporary marvels at diplomatic language. In the language of diplomats they give each other hard nuts to crack with the understanding that what is written isn't a thing in the world but a highly esteemed communication, intended mostly for the effect that it will have among the people of their respective governments. When the diplomatists give the people of their countries to understand that each is getting the best of it, the correspondence comes to a close in an ordinary horse-sense manner.

With reference to reported opposition to Representative Small in the First Congressional district, because he is not committeed to national prohibition, the Durham Herald hands out this paragraph: "The chances are that Mr. Small is about as much of a prohibitionist as some of the rest of them who will receive the loyal support of the anti-saloon league." It is quite possible that the Herald recognizes the fact that Mr. Small is more of an abstainer than some prohibitionists are prohibitionists.

What about that organization to work up, during the coming year, a great big Southeastern Carolina fair, to be held in Wilmington in November, enlisting the interest and active cooperation of the people in all the counties within 75 or 80 miles of this city—a real fair, with fair grounds large enough to take care properly of all the exhibits from all counties and of all the many thousands of visitors who could be induced to attend, with reduced railroad rates and trains of trolley cars to the fair grounds every 10 minutes? Just waiting for the new year to open, eh? The kind of fair that Wilmington might have and ought to have can not be worked up in one or two or three months. It's an all-the-year proposition.

PEACE WITHOUT INFAMY.

The momentous year of 1915 is closing with peace for America because of the wisdom, forbearance and statesmanship of President Wilson. His patience has been severely taxed by incidents of the wars in Mexico and Europe and his soul has been tried by incidental acts of inhumanity involving the loss of precious American lives, but the President has discriminated as to such incidents and could not possibly or logically construe them as hostile acts calling for hostility on our part. Because of his wise discrimination and clear-sighted policy, this country did not intervene in Mexico nor permit itself to be drawn into the vortex of the war that is devastating Europe. The Nation has reasonable grounds upon which to be grateful to him for the peace which is ours up to the threshold of a new year.

Nevertheless, there are wiseacres as well as so-called statesmen who rail against the President's foreign policy. The individual citizen perhaps simply says he can't stand for it, but the blatant statesman thunders out condemnation and the chauvinistic writers load down the magazines and press with their screeds of denunciation. They lament his failure to intervene in Mexico and they howl because he did not go to the rescue of Belgium and neglected other excuses for getting into war. Of course, his critics want war, else they would approve his pacific course and endorse his policy of non-interference in Mexico and Europe. There can be no other construction upon opposition to the President, for his has been a peace policy. Logically, therefore, the opposite to that is a war policy, hence his opponents mean that we should have had war instead of peace.

We wonder which policy the American people prefer—the one for peace or the one for war? If the opposition is endorsed, it would show that President Wilson has made the mistake of his life by not plunging this Nation into war. We hardly think the people lean to that view, but every time we hear a man denounce Wilson or we read attacks upon his foreign policy, we know this country would be at war if their wisdom instead of his had been on tap during the last three years. The issue is an absolutely plain one and the line-up is either with Wilson and peace, or with Wilson's detractors and war.

The intelligent people of America have to decide for themselves as to that, yet it may as well be understood that the peace which President Wilson has maintained up to this time is honorable peace. Roosevelt says it is "infamous," but that is only the opinion of a man who pays tearful homage at the shrine of Napoleon—the martian who billowed Europe with the graves of countless slain to satiate his inordinate ambition. President Wilson has had law on his side, hence any lawyer will tell you that the peace he has preserved for us is honorable. He has kept the law of God. He has observed the law of humanity. He has been guided by international law. He has complied with the written and unwritten law of Americans, strongly emphasized in their constitutions and the Bill of Rights. He has obeyed the injunction of George Washington to avoid all entangling alliances and intermeddling in the affairs of other people and nations.

President Wilson's foreign policy and his peace policy are justified by international law. He has indicted other nations for violating international law, but he has not convicted them and inflicted upon them the penalty of war. Why? Because there has been no "cause" of war. It is a legal maxim that there must be a cause of action, and none of the incidents of the war in Mexico or Europe furnish a cause of action or war on the part of the United States. Logically, President Wilson has been without cause or reason to go to war. For instance, incidents of hostilities or of war to which we are not a party cannot be construed as acts of hostility towards the United States. The incidents by which our people have been shocked and outraged lack hostile intent towards us on the part of the offending nations, hence we have had no cause of war and could only go to war regardless of cause or the consequence, in spite of humane law and international law as well. Therefore, President Wilson has kept within humane law and international law. The deduction is that he has kept the peace with honor.

Deliberately hostile acts aimed at us, and not the incidents which shock us, would be a challenge to us to resort to hostilities ourselves. No such acts can be pointed out by the most astute jingo in America. Deliberately hostile acts towards us as a nation and a people would summons us to war, but merely incidental destruction of individual lives, and non-hostile interference with our commerce and rights on the sea, are not regarded among so-called civilized nations as causes for war. The hostile intent is absent, but should any incident of war be a hostile act aimed at us as a people and nation, we would have to go to war unless we preferred to submit to humiliation.

In view of the facts and all laws, divine and human, President Wilson has kept America at peace without the least semblance of infamy.

A man in a public position must learn how to stand criticism and convince himself that all his critics put together couldn't do half as well as he is doing himself. On one occasion, according to Aesop, a kid perched itself on the roof of a house and poured forth a volume of abuse on a lion which had to take it all because of his inability to climb.

THAT WATERWAY CELEBRATION

Of course, Wilmington and Fayetteville are going to celebrate the completion of the Cape Fear canalization project by which a minimum depth of eight feet of navigable water will be maintained between Fayetteville and Wilmington, at all points, the year round. Fayetteville has the most potent of reasons and every one of her reasons are Wilmington's reasons. However, there are erasons why the whole State of North Carolina should be concerned in the celebration of an event which will signify that the State of North Carolina has been provided with an improved waterway directly affecting a region embracing a thousand square miles of rich and resourceful territory. Ignoring altogether the indirect benefit to other territory and the State as a whole, that is reason enough why every portion of the State should not only be interested but deeply concerned in emphasizing a State advantage of such inconceivable proportions. The Charlotte Observer has strongly intimate as much, and the greatly appreciated article of Editor Wade H. Harris on that line elicits this further comment by the Fayetteville Observer:

"The Charlotte Observer has heartily endorsed the project advocated by The Observer and The Wilmington Star in regard to the celebration of the completion of the canalization of Cape Fear River about January 1, 1917. Editor Harris has always taken a lively interest in the canalization project and realizes fully the great benefit to the Cape Fear section and indeed the whole State that will result therefrom, and he very properly says that the ball should be set rolling at once. * * * As we have said, Editor Harris has a very correct idea of what a minimum depth of eight feet of water is going to do for North Carolina, and the following statement alone is a forecast of prosperity to be brought about by increased transportation facilities: 'With the completion of this canal the river traffic of the Cape Fear will not only be restored to its old-time glory, but to a glory never dreamed of in the days of the old steamboat men, for ships of commerce will take the place of the flat-bottomed, stern-wheeled, lazy-going craft of the tar, pitch and turpentine period."

There is no reason at this time to mention all the reasons why Fayetteville and Wilmington should celebrate. Wilmington, however, need not look for any further reason than that it will afford the greatest opportunity she has ever had to interest the people of North Carolina in their gateway to the Atlantic ocean. Not long ago, Bion H. Butler came to Wilmington and wrote a strong article intended to interest the people of the State in their port. It is not our port, but it is the State's port and the people of the State should understand that once for all.

Mr. Butler emphasized the advantages and facilities of the port and aimed in his forceful way to awaken North Carolina to her commercial possibilities in her ocean gateway. De dwelt with striking emphasis upon the means of getting the people to appreciate the fact that they have a port and pointed significantly to the need of so developing the port that the whole State may receive direct benefit, now a negligible consideation as the people look at it from a merely abstract point of view. Yet the port of Wilmington is worth annually to North Carolina not less than $65,000,000 in foreign, coastwise and inland commerce. That is the commerce of Wilmington and the immediate section, but ocean freights enable Wilmington as a jobbing center to extend the benefit of water transportation indirectly to a trade far into the interior.

We cannot see all the benefits of the port at a glance, and the fact is we must study some along that line in order to realize it ourselves before we can hope to impress it on the State. What do we know about the actual achievements of the port and their relation to the State and its people? What do we begin to know about the possibilities of the port for either Wilmington or the State?

Well, that contemplated celebration ought to set us to thinking and getting busy. It will give us the opportunity to know our port ourselves, so we can make known to the State just what advantages, opportunities and possibilities are compassed in an ocean gateway for North Carolina. What Mr. Butler endeavored to do in his sledge-hammer style of writing we can do with such an object lesson as we can place before the State by means of a canalization celebration.

Does North Carolina need any ocean gateway? Suppose she didn't have any, why should she want one? What use does the State have for a port and what use does she make of it after she has it? If she is not making use of it, why not? How can she make use of it without knowing how? This last question is for Wilmington to answer, and it is for Wilmington to show the State how to use the port. If it is because of the lack of facilities, or terminals, or of ships for carrying or for lack of exporters to handle North Carolina's production on her farms and in her factories, we had better find out before that celebration rolls around.

A NOBLE UNDERTAKING

No wonder Editor James H. Cowan, of The Evening Dispatch, enjoyed his Christmas. He worked early and late on the "Empty Stocking" fund and when "finis" was written, there had been secured more than $300 in money, which was the means of causing many children to have a merry Christmas. Editor Cowan had loyal support from the citizens of the city, but to him is due a big part of the credit, since it was he who did more work than anybody else.

Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk of the Superior Court, was treasurer of the fund, and the Boy Scouts distributed the gifts on Christmas Eve. It was a big undertaking and was carried out in fine shape. The Empty Stocking fund is an annual event with The Evening Dispatch, and Messrs. McClammy and Cowan have won the lasting gratitude of many hundred children through their efforts to make Christmas for them a season of joy and gladness.

The Star desires to congratulate its esteemed local contemporary upon the success of this holiday benefaction. It was earnestly and vigorously carried to success, and, while all those who cooperated deserve their share of the credit, The Dispatch made success possible by devoting to it columns of live writing that emphasized the purpose and stirred the best impulses of the contributors to the fund.

Within itself, the conception of such a benevolent undertaking on the part of Mr. McClammy and his staff speaks volubly of the lofty sentiment which inspired it.

PROSPERITY IN NORTH CAROLINA

To the Editor of The Star:

Below is given a compiled statement relative to the main crops grown in North Carolina in 1914 and 1915. A study of these figures is interesting especially because of the favorable increase in production for this year. This increase was present in eight of the State's principal crops. Ae decrease was shown in three other instances, but in two of these three cases the increase in the year's price served somewhat to counteract the lessened crop production. Especially in the case of cotton the increase in price was a substantial one. In spite of the fact that this year's crop was only 685,000 bales, as compared with last year's crop of 931,000 bales, it brought the farmer as much in returns as did his larger crop of 1914.

1914 Crops and Value.

Cotton—Bales 931,000 at 7.8 cents per pound.
Corn—Bushels, 59,500,000 at $1.03 per bushel.
Oats—4,375,000, at 66 cents.
Wheat—7,332,000 at $1.17.
Rye—460,000, at 97 cents.
Irish Potatoes—1,716,000, at 94 cents.
Sweet Potatoes—6,840,000, at 79 cents
Tobacco—pounds, 172,250,000.
Hay—Tons, 368,000, at $17.50.
Apples—Barrels, 3,000,000, at $1.32.
Buckwheat—Bushels, 171,000, at 82 cents.

1915 Crops and Value.

Cotton—Bales, 685,000 at 11.1 cents.
Corn—Bushels, 59,210,000, at 94 cents.
Oats—5,500,000, at 64 cents.
Wheat—11,267,000, at $1.17.
Rye—432,000, at 96 cents.
Irish Potatoes—3,026,000 at 63 cents.
Sweet Potatoes—8,290,000 at 68 cents.
Tobacco—Popnds, 186,950,000.
Hay—Tons, 473,000, at $16.30.
Apples—Barrels, 1,837,000, at $1.71.
Buckwheat—Bushels, 205,000, at 78 cents.

In this connection it is interesting to note that our State is now paying more attention than ever to the raising of livestock and poultry, the production of fruits, vegetables, butter and other home supplies; the farmer, at last, is becoming convinced of the real value of these industries as profitable side lines. This new policy on the part of the farmer will not only increase the resources of the State as a whole, but will make it possible for farming to be carried on in a more effective and profitable manner. This has been a most bountiful year for North Carolina, and our record is one of which we may justly be proud.

The value of her farm property now exceeds $537,716,210. The total value of her crops this year will be $218,320,000. Her estimated total wealth is more than $1,807,600,000. It is therefore easily to be seen that North Carolina is rapidly stepping into her rightful position of leadership in agriculture, as she has so consistently done in other fields of endeavor.

W. L. McINTYRE.
A. & M. College.

RURAL HOME WEEK IN DEFENSE

Need Safe Water Supply and Safe Sewage Disposal.

"The great need of the South today is the improvement of the rural home," says Dr. A. W. Freeman of Washington, D. C. Dr. Freeman speaking especially from a health viewpoint, says further that the fundamental needs of the small town and the rural home are those of a safe water supply and safe sewage disposal. He says that the shallow well and the open closet are where the rural home is weakest in its defenses and where health suffers most. "They should be condemned, and in their places constructed a means of furnishing the family safe water to drink and use and a safe or sanitary type of closet."

The first essential in securing a pure water supply is to have the top of the well covered, preferably with a cement top and provided with a pump. Dirt, filth and drainage get back into the open top well that could not occur in the case of a cement top. Next be sure no source of pollution, such as privies, stables, etc., are located on nearby ground higher than the well. Last of all be sure that surface drainage from a well is away from the top in all directions and that waste water from the pump is carried away in troughs, tile or otherwise and not allowed to stand in puddles or soak back into the well.

Safe sewage disposal consists of keeping the sewage away from flies and animals and so it cannot reach the well supply. Usually a tight fly-proof privy placed close down over a shallow pit or hole in the ground at least 300 feet from the well and on lower ground will meet all requirements.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

A "Constant Reader" requests The Star to publish the following unique Christmas greeting, which is in the form of a letter from a monk of the 15th century to one of his friends:

"Christmas Eve, Anno Domini, 1513.
"Pontassieve

"To the Most Ilustrious, the Contessina Allagia dela Aldobrandeschi On the Via de' Martelli, Firense.

"Most Noble Contessina:

"I salute you. Believe me your most devoted servant.

"The rascal who carries this letter, if he devour them not ont he way will crave your acceptance of the fruits of our gardens. Would that the peace of Heaven might reach you through such things of earth.

"Contessina, forgive an old man's babble. But I am your friend, and my love for your goes deep. There is nothing I can give you which you have not got; but there is much, very much, that, while I cannot give it, you can take. No Heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today. Take Heaven! No place lies in the future which is not hidden in this present little instant. Take peace!

"The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach, is joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see; and to see, we have only to look. Contessina, I beseech you to look.

"Life is so generous a giver, but we, judging its gifts by their covering, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering, and you will find beneath it a living splendour, woven of love, by wisdom, with power. Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the Angel's hand that brings it to you. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow, or a duty; believe me, that Angel's hand is there; the gift is there, and the wonder of an overshadowing presence. Our joys, too; be not content with them as joys. They, too, conceal diviner gifts.

"Life is so full of meaning and of purpose, so full of beauty—beneath its covering—that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven. Courage, then, to claim it; that is all! But courage you have, and the knowledge that we are pilgrims together, wending through unknown country, home.

"And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you: not quite as the world sends greetings, but with profound esteem, and with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows fly away.

"I have the honor to be your servant, though the least worthy of them.

"FRA GIOVANNI."

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is a mistake to think that all of the automobiles coming in loaded with whiskey have been to Virginia after it.—Durham Herald.

If the British government really believes that conscription is essential, there is one way in which it can turn the trick. Dismantle the British fleet and let the Germans land in England. Then, when a few English towns have suffered the fate of Louvain and Arras, the people of the British Isles will adopt conscription quickly enough.—Charleston News and Courier.

Mr. W. J. Parker hands The Coaster a newspaper clipping in which reference is made to the market prices of 1815, this information being obtained from an old copy of The American Recorder, a weekly paper published in Washingto, N. C. The Recorder was a weekly of four pages, four columns to the page, the subscription price of which was $3 per year with advertising priced at 50 cents an inch. It is shown in the aforesaid paper that flour cost $23 a barrel, nails 16 cents a pound; sugar 35 cents a pound; pork $13 a barrel, and whiskey only 75 cents a gallon.—Morehead City Coaster.

The first report from the three days of vacation given to prisoners of the "trusty" class in North Carolina comes from Buncombe county, the home county of Governor Craig, and it is gratifying in that all of the 35 "trusties" who were allowed to go to their homes for Christmas returned to their places with the convict road forces by noon Monday. We are hoping very much that the reports from over the entire State will be of this gratifying character, for the experiment of Governor Craig is such that if he is given cooperation by the convicts it may be possible to do other things in their behalf, other things of the humanizing kind. It was a big risk which Governor Craig took when he assumed the responsibility of directing that all the "trusties" in the State prison and in the counties be allowed to go to their homes for three days at Christmas, and we hope to see his faith in the return of the prisoners fully justified. Throughout the State there is the keenest interest felt in the departure made by Governor Craig, and in every paper of the State which has spoken of the matter the comment has been favorable, commendation being given Governor Craig for the step he took to make the Christmas season happier to prisoners who had behaved well and to their families. For ourselves we believe that the kindly action of Governor Craig is going to prove of great service wherever there were convicts who came within the conditions of the offer.—Raleigh News and Observer.

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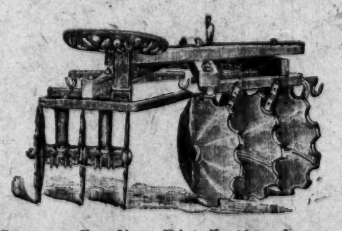

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REPORTED PURCHASE OF EVENING PAPER

Mr. W. B. Cooper and Associates Acquire Dispatch

City Editor W. E. Lawson Will Likely Be in Active Charge—To Occupy Present Quarters—Announcement Expected January 1.

That The Evening Dispatch, Wilmington's only afternoon newspaper, has been purchased from its present proprietor, Mr. R. P. McClammy, by State Senator W. B. Cooper and associates, the transfer of the property to take place on Saturday of this week, has been rumored on the streets of Wilmington for several days and while those directly interested in the deal will neither deny nor confirm the reports, it is understood that the reports are well founded and that the deal is practically closed.

It is understood that a stock company in which a number of Wilmington business men and also several outsiders will be stockholders will be formed and incorporated under State laws. The company will likely be organized this week in time to take over the property on Saturday when Mr. McClammy will cease to be connected with the paper as proprietor and business manager.

While no statement has been made to that effect by any of those directly interested in the negotiations, it is understood that Mr. William E. Lawson, for the past two years city editor of The Dispatch and formerly city editor of The Morning Star, will be managing editor of The Dispatch after the first of the year and will also have charge of the business department. Mr. Lawson is in Atlanta on business and will not return until later in the week but it is understood that he will be an active stockholder in the corporation which it is proposed to form to take over the paper.

The amount to be paid for The Dispatch has not been disclosed but it is known to be a large figure, possibly $50,000, as the evening paper is recognized as a valuable investment. The entire outfit, including the fixtures of the job department, has been purchased, it is understood, and a lease for a term of years on the building now occupied by The Dispatch has also been secured from Mr. McClammy.

That it is proposed to make a number of improvements in the present building at No. 8 North Second street by the new management is also reported as being in contemplation. The nature of these improvements is not known but the entire building will most likely be remodeled throughout.

It was reported in the city several days ago that negotiations were in progress for taking over the paper but it is understood that all of the plans have not yet been finally consummated and that this has been responsible for failure to make public announcement as to the contemplated sale of the property.

Under the editorship of Mr. James H. Cowan and the management of Mr. R. P. McClammy, The Evening Dispatch has long been recognized as one of the leading afternoon papers of the State. Mr. McClammy has been associated with the paper ever since it was founded 20 years ago and has seen it grow from a diminutive four-page sheet to the present eight-large-page size, carrying Associated Press dispatches and complete local news as well as all items of interest in this section of the State.

While it is not known, it is presumed that Mr. Cowan will remain with the paper in the capacity of editor and that other employes of the publication will be taken care of by the new purchasers. Mr. McClammy, who has quite a large private income, it is understood, has not announced his intentions for the future except that he will not be engaged in the publishing or printing business. For the present it is safe to say that he will enjoy a much-needed rest from labors that have taxed his strength in season and out of the season for the long number of years in which he has been engaged in business.

HISTORIAN HAS GONE

Mr. Lydon D. Smith, of New York, Traveling in Private Yacht.

Historian Lydon D. Smith, of the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, left yesterday, continuing their tour from New York to Miami, Fla., gathering data and taking pictures, to write a history of all historic points, related to the struggles in the war for independence from England.

While here, Mr. Smith made a number of photographs of places of historical interest, including views of Lord Cornwallis' headquarters, corner of Third and Market street, and St. James Episcopal church at the same corner, which was used by General Tarleton as a cavalry training school, Cornelius Harnett's grave in St. James' graveyard, and also the monument erected to his memory at Fourth and Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are making the trip in their private yacht, but on account of a previously arranged schedule, they could stay here but the one day. They will go the rest of the trip South by rail and the yacht will meet them at Miami, going along on the outside. They expect to stop over on the return some time here, during which they will go to Moore's Creek bridge, where one of the battles early in the war was fought.

MRS. LINEKER BEREAVED.

Her Sister, Mrs. Emily Shoulders, Passed Away on Last Thursday.

Many friends of Mrs. W. A. Lineker will tenderly sympathize with her in the death of her sister, Mrs. Emily Shoulders, which occurred on Thursday of the past week at her home, Jersey Heights, New York City, after an illness of some time. Mrs. Lineker was summoned to the bedside of her sister several weeks ago and was with her when the end came. The funeral and interment was on Sunday following her death.

Mrs. Shoulders had visited Mrs. Lineker here on one or more occasions and had a number of friends who will regret exceedingly to hear of her passing. She is survived of her immediate family only by a son. Mrs. Lineker will remain in the north for some days before returning to her home here.

Death at Wallace.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Carroll, of Wallace, will sympathize with them in the death of their year-old son, Murat Willis, which occurred yesterday morning as the result of ptomaine poisoning. The little fellow was sick only two days.

PROBABLE CAUSE IN TWO CASES

Alfred Brown and Peter Howard, Colored, With Both be Heard in January Term of Court.

Probable cause was found yesterday in the Recorder's court against Alfred Brown, colored, who is charged with breaking into the house of James Underwood, colored, and stealing $4. Underwood and Brown were pals and the two were together Christmas day at the former's home talking over their affairs, when Underwood alleges he put his purse, known by both to contain the $4, in his trunk without locking it. Then he and Brown left together to go out and see some friends.

Underwood declared that Brown slipped away from him and upon his return Saturday night, the trunk had been robbed, the thief breaking in through the back window. A neighbor next door, alleged that she had seen Brown in Underwood's back yard a short time after the two had left home together. The case will be tried at the January term of Superior court. The defendant is in jail in default of $200 bond.

Probable cause was also found against Peter Howard, the negro arrested Christmas day, on charge of holding a negro woman up with a pistol and robbing her of her pistol. A pistol is said to have been found on Howard's person when arrested a little later and it was identified in court yesterday by the woman as being her property. He is also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, but the case is held open pending the results of the trial at the January term of Superior court. Howard is in jail in default of $200 bond.

Mr. Augustus Eppes was sent over from Justice Harriss' court on a charge of collecting contract price without paying for the labor. He was recognized for a hearing Monday, January 3rd. The case against Mr. R. R. Brown, the jitney bus driver, who ran against Mrs. Satchell at Front and Princess streets, was due to have a hearing yesterday, but was further postponed.

WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TO MEET BRIGADE VARSITY.

Game of Basketball at Boys' Brigade Armory Thursday Night.

The first match game of basketball in Wilmington for two or three years will be offered to the lovers of this sport tomorrow night at the Boys' Brigade armory, when the Wilmington High School varsity team will meet the Brigade's first team. Needless to say the match has created great interest among the supporters of both teams and among the basketball fans generally. With the football season over at the High School athletic interest is now largely centered around basketball, and Mr. Little, who is coaching the team for this year, expects to put up a team that will show all comers a strong front.

"Ike" Silverman has been elected captain of the High School squad, and he is now trying out about a dozen men for the varsity. They are practicing every afternoon this week and will be in fine shape for the game tomorrow night. The team will probably come from the following men: Silverman, Bagley, Charlie Johnson, Monroe, Irving Davis, "Rock" Hall, Norman Shepard, Rourk and Grimth.

For the Brigade, Captain "Happy" Register is also practicing his squad daily—nightly, rather—and his quintette will come from the following: Branch, Bornemann, H. Register, Snakenburg, Dixon, C. W. Davis, Hanson, Montgomery, C. Gerdes and H. Gerdes. The Brigade men have been playing league ball all the fall and Captain Register has plenty of material to draw from.

The game will begin at 8:30 o'clock, and officials will be announced tomorrow. The proceeds from the game will be divided between the teams and will be used to help pay for suits for each team. It is hoped the grandstand in the balcony of the Brigade gymnasium will be packed, so that enough money may be cleared to outfit both teams.

RAZING BEGINS NEXT WEEK.

Sam Bear Sr. & Sons to Have New Building on North Front Street.

Razing will begin next week on the two-story frame business building of Samuel Bear Sr. & Sons, to give room for their new pressed brick building, which is to be erected next north to their present building, No. 311 North Front street. As soon as the old frame building is razed, work will begin and be pushed to completion of the new one, the approximate cost of which will be $9,000. Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the well known architect, drew the plans for the building and will supervise the construction.

The front of the building will be made of white terra cotta, giving a most attractive appearance. The ground floor will be spaced off in three stores, while it is expected that the second will be used for some small manufacturing plant. The building will have a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 75 feet. The stores will reach the entire depth and will divide the front equally, giving each 16.5 feet. This building will add much to the appearance of this fast developing business section of the city.

CHRISTMAS TREE GIVEN

Delgado Presbyterian Sunday School Have Entertainment.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of Delgado Presbyterian Sunday school was held in the Sunday school room of the church last night. A programme of songs and recitations, appropriate to the occasion, was given by several of the younger members of the school after which candy and gifts were presented.

Much of the success of the entertainment is due to Misses Crissie Boney, Nenah Woods and Maggie Jordan, and Misses Dagenhardt and Allbright, who trained the children.

Had Unpleasant Experience.

Express Messenger Cox and a colored porter, yesterday had an unpleasant experience with an unruly bovine, which refused to land at his destination at Mt. Olive, when A. C. L. train No. 41 arrived there. Various and sundry express addressed to Mt. Olive had to be left on the train until it reached Warsaw, where the animal was taken off. The passengers aboard were given lively entertainment from the episode, while the would-be owners of the "packages" of all kinds at Mt. Olive, were very much put out with the capers of the bull.

A happy New Year to our friends and patrons. We will be closed all day Friday instead of Saturday to take stock. Will appreciate our customers helping us by holding their Friday orders until Saturday morning. People's Supply Co. de 29-3t

THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE

Thrilling Spectacle in Motion Pictures Indeed a Call to Preparedness for the Nation.

Several hundred patriotic Wilmingtonians—men, women and children—were thrilled beyond description last night at the Victoria theatre, the third presentation of "The Battle Cry of Peace," drawing a crowd more than three times as large as on the opening night.

It is safe to say that Wilmington has never seen a greater spectacle either in motion pictures or on the legitimate stage, for countless scenes in "The Battle Cry of Peace," are, of course, beyond reproducing on a small stage. Throughout the production runs a pathetic human interest drama, enacted by stars who are within their proper element in the portrayal of emotional roles. Notable among these are Norma Talmadge, as the typical American girl, and Charles Richman, who is known to everyone who is posted on things theatrical.

But the main reason for "The Battle Cry of Peace," as its sub-title implies, is "A Call to Arms Against War," and a powerful and shrill call it is. To pound home its warning, the Vitagraph company constructed buildings and destroyed them with fire and shell; bought locomotives to demolish them in a spectacular incident; engaged thousands of men and women to portray the invading soldiers and Americans fleeing before the invaders.

After two hours and a half of startling episodes picturing realities and fantasies by double photopgraphy attended by an inspiring musical score and suitable effects, spectators were heard to comment how woefully weak America is. If some of the gruesome scenes in the play appear a bit drawn out, they firmly impress upon the observer the basic motive of the play.

Many people who witnessed the opening production of the piece are enthusiastic in their advice to their friends to see the splendid spectacle.

DIED AT UNION STATION.

Mr. Robert H. King Had Started to Visit His Father.

Many friends here and elsewhere were shocked yesterday to learn that Mr. Robert H. King died of heart trouble following an attack of la grippe, last night about 8 o'clock at the union station in this city, while on his way from his home in Newbern to visit his father, Mr. W. W. King, the undertaker, in this city.

Mr. King had been indisposed with la grippe for several weeks, but thought himself convalescent enough to make the trip here from Newbern yesterday. He became ill on the train, and immediately upon arrival here Dr. G. H. Croom was summoned and the family was informed of his dangerous condition. Dr. Croom stated last night that the young man was not able to make the trip, having a weak heart, and that his heart simply gave way on him.

The body was taken immediately after the death to the home of his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Sellers, No. 617 South Seventh street, where it was prepared for burial. The funeral announcements will be made later. An attempt was made last night to get in communication with Mrs. King, wife of the deceased, as funeral and burial arrangements cannot be made until she can be informed of his death.

Mr. King was in his 38th year and is survived by his wife and two children, Ruth, aged 14 years, and Frank, aged one year, besides his father, Mr. W. W. King, of this city, and other relatives. He was a butcher by trade and had spent most of his life in this city, but had been living in Newbern for between three and four months.

HANSON MAY NOT WRESTLE

Match Assured for Montana New Year's Eve Night at Woolvin Hall

Although the boil on the right hand of Mr. Fritz Hanson, the local wrestling favorite, may prevent him from taking part in the match with Bull Montana New Year's Eve night at Woolvin Hall, a match is assured for the big wrestler, by a man capable of giving him a hard tussle. Mr. Hanson started working out Monday and his hand was swollen yesterday to more than twice its usual size, and although the boil may be gone down to where the local pain might not prevent the Swede from going on the mat, his yhole arm is being weakened by being carried in a swing for a whole week.

There are two men promised to come here if needed Friday. Jean Gardner, who is likely to be brought on to Wilmington whether Hanson decides to wrestle or not, is the man who gave Charlie Kaiser the tough match a few nights ago in Raleigh, and he wants a match with Montana.

MRS. STRICKLAND DEAD

Wallace Woman Passes Away at James Walker Memorial Hospital

Many friends will be shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Caroline Strickland, wife of Mr. L. W. Strickland, of Wallace, who passed away at the James Walker Memorial Hospital following a short illness. She was 33 years old. The remains will be taken to Wallace today for the funeral and interment.

Charged With Wine Selling.

Mr. John Keys, a well known farmer in Federal Point township, is to have a hearing before Justice Harriss today on a charge of selling wine in less quantities than two and one-half gallons. A warrant was served on him by County Officer H. Mack Godwin on Christmas day and he was placed under bond for his appearance. There were a number of others in the neighborhood taken in custody by the same officer on charges of drunkenness and they gave bond to appear today for trial.

Colds Are Due To Infection

For the general treatment of a cold, we recommend Rexall Cold tablets Improved. These tablets combine just those drugs which can best be relied upon to correct such a condition. Amongst these are Quinine and Acetphenetidin, which are of proven value in relieving the feverishness, headache and muscular pains. Quinine also has a destructive action on the causative disease germs. Gelsemium is employed because of its sedative action, relieving headache and allaying spasm. Cascarin is included not only for its general tonic effect but also to keep the bowels active. Other drugs are made use of for their tonic effect on the stomach and appetite. In discussing the composition of the tablets it is of equal importance to note the entire absence of Opiates, Cocaine and Chloral

These tablets may be secured from our exclusive agents in Wilmington, Elvington & Mintz, for 25c. per box of thirty tablets. (advertisement.)

Monday, January 3rd

Begins OUR NEXT REGULAR INTEREST PERIOD, and the deposits made with this bank on or before that day will receive credit for interest from JANUARY 1ST. Interest on these deposits is payable exactly Three Months from January 1st.

Every courtesy and attention awaits the small and large depositors at this bank, and we will be pleased to have you begin the New Year with a deposit in the "People's."

4 % Interest, Compounded Quarterly, paid on all accounts of $5.00 and over.

"OLD AND STRONG"

The Peoples Savings Bank

Corner Front and Princess Streets

FARMERS TO HAVE INSTITUTE

Interesting Meeting to be Held at Wrightsboro Under Auspices of State Department.

An institute for the farmers of New Hanover and their wives will be held at Wrightsboro on February 3rd under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture. Mr. T. B. Parker, who has been for a number of years in charge of this work, has arranged an itinerary for the entire Eastern section of North Carolina for a number of experts from the department and the meetings are expected to be very interesting and instructive.

It is proposed to make the institutes as practicable and as helpful as possible and it is hoped to have the interest and co-operation of everyone who is interesed in the upbuilding of agricultural conditions. Special emphasis will be laid on soil improvement, live stock and the growing of more grain and grasses.

Mr. Parker writes that it is his belief that the cotton situation can take care of itself and, therefore, little will be said about cotton culture this season at the institutes. The fertilizer situation will command considerable attention.

There will be no other institutes held in New Hanover county this season and it is hoped that as many of the farmers as possible will attend the one at Wrightsboro. This is in the center of the trucking section and it is expected that the growing of these crops will be discussed at length. There will be a special institute for the women.

PROBABLE CAUSE FOUND IN CASE FOR BURGLARY

W. F. O'Brien Held for Superior Court on Charge of Entering House.

W. F. O'Brien, white, who has been a switchman on the yards of the Atlantic Coast Line yards, is being held in jail for the next term of Superior Court in default of bond, in the sum of $500 on a charge of second degree burglary, it being alleged that he entered the home of Mrs. M. R. Singletary, No. 312 Hanover street, and stole $24.25 from a bureau. Mrs. Singletary wasn't at home on Friday night when the alleged robbery took place, but Mrs. W. A. Perkins, who lives at No. 306 Hanover street, declared in her testimony that she saw a man in the house, who looked like O'Brien.

O'Brien had a hearing before Justice Harriss on Tuesday, and through his attorney, Councilman W. F. Jones, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge, declaring that he knew nothing about the alleged robbery.

Mrs. Singletary stated that she had left her children with Mrs. Perkins until she could go out for a few minutes, and that when she came back the money was gone. Mrs. Perkins testified that shortly afterwards she saw a light in the house and went over to see what was the matter, and declared that when she looked in at the window she saw a man. She was rather positive that it was O'Brien. This was the only testimony introduced by the State, and Justice Harriss found probable cause and sent the case over to the next term of Superior Court.

O'Brien has a wife and young child, and lives at No. 310 Hanover street, next door to the residence from which Mrs. Singletary stated the money was stolen. He was arrested on a warrant by County Officer H. Mack Godwin

HOW TO GET RID OF CHRONIC DANDRUFF

The only sure way to get permanently rid of either oily or dry dandruff is to remove the conditions that cause it and then keep the hair and scalp in a permanent, clean, healthy, vigorous state so dandruff will never return. This beats shampoos or head washes which merely drive away dandruff for a few days at most. R. R. Bellamy and a number of other better druggists in this vicinity are now strongly recommending a harmless, inexpensive and quick acting preparation called Parisian Sage that they say is guaranteed to act directly on the cause of dandruff and which already has become known far and wide as a safe and efficient treatment which cannot possibly injure hair or scalp.

Here is a test worth trying. Get a package of Parisian Sage. Rub a little of it into the scalp with the finger tips and see for yourself how the dandruff disappears, the hair stops falling out, the itching vanishes, and a new and vigorously healthy appearance comes over the hair. Good looking hair is half the battle in any man or woman's personal appearance and nothing hurts the hair more than dandruff. Try a little Parisian Sage and begin at once to be rid of it.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express to our many friends our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for their kindness and favors rendered during the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Nancy Fulcher.

MR. and MRS. E. H. HARDISON,
J. S. FULCHER.

PASSENGER STATION AT SOUND.

Tidewater Power Company Has Let Contract to R. H. Brady.

The Tidewater Power Company has let the contract for the construction of their new $5,000 passenger station at Wrightsville Sound to Contractor R. H. Brady, who will begin work immediately and have the work completed before next spring. This is the beginning of extensive improvements along the line.

The plans for the new building were prepared by Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the well known architect, and a landscape gardener will be employed to conform the surroundings and the building to secure a harmonious appearance.

A sub-station will be built about twice the size of the present one. It will be Spanish mission style architecture. The new station will be equipped with a separate waiting room for whites and blacks and also equipped with modern toilet conveniences, and a baggage room. Plans are on foot for beautifying the entire route to the beach.

A very important part of the beautifying the route, will be the erection of the new station at the Cape Fear Country Club, plans for which are being prepared by Mr. J. B. Lynch in cooperation with the company architect, Mr. Lynch being the architect for the club in improving and beautifying their club property.

FUNERALS OF MRS. FRANKLIN

Impressive Service Held Yesterday from St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

The funeral of Mrs. Clair Catherine Franklin, whose death occurred Monday at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where she was undergoing treatment, was conducted yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Reaves, No. 1104 South Front street, thence to St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, by Rev. Father C. Dennen. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. J. Furlong, Mark Jones, D. M. Carroll, Joe Price, John Rowan and James J. Allen.

January 3rd, 1916

This bank will be closed January 1st and 2nd, but deposits made with us on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1 st.

We hope you will start the New Year right by opening a savings account with this company,—the oldest and largest North Carolina Savings Bank.

Capital and Surplus $400,000.00
Resources $2,500,000.00

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company

1887 110 Princess Street 1915

Sale of Coats and Suits

THIS MORNING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28th.

We Start Our First Reduction Sale Of

Coats, Suits and Serge Dresses

The price of our ready-to-wear was already exceptionally low, first, because of our superior buying facilities, and second, because our buyer was in the market just at the season when the manufacturers were all ready to close out their lines and he succeeded in landing some swell ones at a price.

Tuesday They Go 1-3 and 1-2 Off Our Already Low Prices.

We've only a few, so don't delay if you want one at this great reduction.

Suits, Coats and Dresses---all go.

Sale Begins 9 A. M. **Belk-Williams Co.** TUESDAY DECEMBER 28

210-212 NORTH FRONT STREET

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. J. T. Barker, of Baltimore, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Merritt.

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The public is cordially invited to attend the Christmas tree this evening at 8 o'clock at Grace Methodist church.

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Mrs. Minnie Bonner, of Gibbstown, N. J., is in the city visiting her brother, Mr. Harry M. Pyle, No. 115 South 17th street.

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After spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Julia Gaylor, No. 315 Chestnut street, Mrs. J. Leo Murphy has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va.

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Mr. S. T. Meares and Miss Laura Meares, of Clarkton, and Miss Mary Green, of Lillington, are guests of Mrs. R. R. Stone, at her home, No. 601 Orange street.

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Miss L. M. George, one of the attractive stenographers in the United States Engineer's office, has returned from spending her vacation in Washington, D. C.

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The Sunday school of the First Baptist church will give a Christmas tree and annual Christmas cantata this evening at 8 o'clock in the Sunday school room of the church. A large attendance is expected and all members and friends are urged to be present.

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Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner delightfully entertained a number of her Wilmington friends at the United States Marine Hospital last evening, from 9 to 11 o'clock.

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Mr. J. A. Farley, bookkeeper for the Morning Star, and Mrs. Farley visited relatives at Whiteville during the holidays. Mr. Farley returned yesterday but Mrs. Farley will spend a few days at Chadbourn.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Council, of Norfolk, Va., were guests at the Hotel Wilmington, en route to their home after spending Christmas with Mr. Council's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Council, of Lake Waccamaw.

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There was a good attendance at the annual Sigma Nu dance at the Cape Fear Country Club Monday evening. This affair is one always looked forward to by those who attend, and was well up to the standard this year.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Gilchrist gave a dance last evening at the Boys' Brigade armory in honor of their daughter, Miss Jennie Gilchrist, who is one of the season's debutantes. The event was one of the most delightful of the Christmas season in Wilmington.

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Lake Waccamaw, Dec. 28.—Dr. Walter Council and family, of Cordova, Alaska, are spending the Christmas holidays with Dr. Council's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Council. Dr. Council has been in Alaska for the last ten years, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession.

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The Luther League of St. Matthew's Lutheran church gave a most delightful Christmas tree last night. A splendid programme was rendered, at the end of which a gold watch chain was presented to Mr. W. W. Coch, in token of appreciation. The tree was large and beautifully lighted. It contained a box of candy and some fruit for each members of the Sunday school.

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Friends here and elsewhere will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Miss Beulah A. Blanchard, daughter of the late Capt. John A. Blanchard, of Burgaw, and Mr. Perry B. Bowen, of City Point, Va., son of the late John W. Bowen, of Burgaw, which was solemnized last night at 8 o'clock at the parsonage of Bladen Street Methodist church, Rev. T. G. Vickers, the retiring pastor, officiating. There were only a few intimate friends present to witness. After a wedding tour in Florida, they will be at home at City Point, Va. Both bride and groom are well known in Burgaw.

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A wedding of interest to many friends was celebrated last night when Miss Grace Moore became the bride of Mr. Claude L. Boddie, Jr., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Annie Moore, No. 817 Chestnut street. The wedding was a quiet home affair with only members of the family present. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A reception was tendered the happy couple immediately following the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Boddie, who are the recipients of many beautiful presents, will make their home in the city after a bridal tour in the South.

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The Sunday school of Immanuel Presbyterian church had a real enjoyable entertainment last evening in Immanuel Hall. The programme was opened with the singing of Christmas hymns, followed by a splendid series of recitations, illustrated with lantern slides, on the life of Christ from the time of the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem until the ascension. An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation to Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Crowley, of a water set, the presentation speech being made by Sunday School Superintendent S. A. Matthews for the Ladies' Aid Society. Another was the gold coins given Mrs. Baxter F. Ozment, the organist, and also to Miss Florence Bonitz, for many years the kindergarten teacher by the Brotherhood, in token of appreciation. Over 200 packages of candy and fruit was given the members of the Sunday school, off the Christmas tree.

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MISS ELLA PARHAM BRIDE OF MR. RAYMOND KELLEY

The wedding of Mr. Raymond C. Kelley, of this city, and Miss Ella Ware Parham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Parham, of Columbia, S. C., which took place at the home of the bride on Christmas Day, was of special interest here. Mr. W. H. Kelley, of this city, acted as best man for his brother. The affair was very quiet, only a few intimate friends being present. After spending their honeymoon in Florida, they will make their home in Carolina Place, this city. The groom is an insurance man of this city, and the bride is an accomplished and popular young lady.

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MUSICAL RECITAL TONIGHT IN LUTHER MEMORIAL HALL

There will be an enjoyable musical recital under the auspices of the Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran church in the Luther Memorial building tonight beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The following programme will be rendered:

Vocal selection—"The Catechist," (Henry Hadley)—Misses Annie Fick, Marie Rehder, Christine Schulken, Annie Oldenbuttel and Mamie Gerdes.

Reading by Miss Myrtle Vollers.

Piano selection—"Marel" (Godard)—Miss Christine Schulken.

Vocal selections—(a) "Nita Gitana", (Reginald deKoven); (b) "The Little Irish Girl," (Herman Lohr); (c) "Love is a Bubble," (Frances Allitsen)—Mr. Schutte.

Reading—"The Legend of the Christmas Rose" (Selma Lagerlos)—Miss Wessell.

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CHRISTMAS WEDDING OF MUCH INTEREST AT ROCKY MOUNT

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 28. — At 2:30 Friday afternoon, in the parlor of the manse of the First Presbyterian church, Dr. W. D. Morton, the pastor, bound in wedlock Miss Eula Proctor to Mr. Frank L. Grayhouse. Following the wedding service, the happy young couple left amid the congratulations of their many friends for Clarksburg, W. Va., and other points in that state, where they will spend a short honeymoon and will visit the parents of the groom, before returning to this city.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C Proctor, a graduate of the East Carolina Teachers' Training school, and a young woman whose sterling qualities have won for her scores of friends. The groom has for the past five years made his home in this city, being connected with Swift & Co.

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PRETTY HOME WEDDING CELEBRATED LAST NIGHT.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized last night at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Miss Mary Padgett, No. 114 North Eighth street, when her daughter, Miss Bessie M. Padgett, and Mr. Ozen Carrier were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. The home was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being pink and white.

The maid of honor, Miss Ovoida Padgett, sister of the bride, was gowned in pink silk and carried a lovely bouquet of pink roses and ferns. The bride entered on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. W. G. Dempsey, who gave her away. She was lovely in a gown of white satin with lace trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley. The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. L. E. Williams.

The bride is a popular young woman with a host of friends. The groom is employed with J. H. Rehder & Co. They will reside at No. 114 North Eighth street.

Among the out-of-town guests present at the wedding were Miss Nell Dempsey and Mr. Herbert Strickland, of Wrightsboro; Mrs. Mary F. Carrier and Mrs. R. Holden, mother and sister of the groom, of Southport.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. V. H. Thomas, a sign painter in the city, alleged to be working without license, was arrested yesterday and will answer to the charge in the Recorder's court today.

—Willie Stanley, colored, charged with stealing a bicycle from Murdock Barker, colored, was arrested yesterday and will be given trial today before the Recorder.

—Only one deed was filed in the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday, this being for the transfer of a lot at Winter Park Heights from Roscoe Forrest Hall and wife to Luther Jordan and wife. The consideration was named as being $1 and other considerations.

PERSONALS.

—C. Ed. Taylor, Esq., of Southport, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. T. Earl King, of the business office of the Morning Star, is spending today at Bolton with relatives.

—Capt. C. S. Ridley, in charge of the local branch of the United States Engineer's office, has gone on an inspection trip to Newbern.

VARIOUS POLICE REPORTS

Pressing Club Robber of Much Clothing—Two Convicts Escaped.

A negro owning a pressing club at No. 119 Dock street has reported to the police that some one entered his pressing club Christmas day while he was out, coming inthrough the back door, and stole one blue serge suit of clothes, two blue serge coats, one brown coat, one pair of black trousers and a dress suit. The police investigation failed to reveal the mystery of who did the crime.

Report was made to the police yesterday that John Davis, colored, has escaped from the county road gang. The police and county officers are keeping a close lookout for him. "Trickey" Miller, alias Willie Miller, colored, has also escaped from the county farm. A lookout is also being kept for him.

Mr. J. F. Jordan reported to the police yesterday that he had found a car loaded with salt at the rear of Swift & Company's warehouse. The report also stated that the dack door of the house was unfastened. Nothing is reported by the company as being missing.

New York, Dec. 28. — President John K. Tener, of the National Baseball League, issued a call reconvening the annual meeting of the league, held in this city, December 14. The re-convened meeting will be held at Cincinnati January 4, following a meeting there of the National commission.

In proportion to population among cities in the United States, Cleveland has the greatest number of telephones and New Orleans the fewest.

A happy New Year to our friends and patrons. We will be closed all day Friday instead of Saturday to take stock. Will appreciate our customers helping us by holding their Friday orders until Saturday morning. People's Supply Co. de 29-3t

THEY HAD HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Ten Trusties of New Hanover Convict Camps Went Home to Spend the Holidays—All Came Back.

It was a happy Christmas for the ten trusties of the New Hanover convict camps, who were allowed to spend Saturday, Sunday and Monday at their homes with their families or friends. That they were duly appreciative of the three days of freedom, which was given them in accordance with the request of Governor Craig, was shown by the fact that each and everyone came back and, so far as known, not one of them abused the privilege of being away from the camps.

Mr. F. M. Rivenbark, superintendent of the county work house, reported to Chairman McGirt, of the Board of Commissioners, that all of the trusties were back at their posts on Tuesday, ready to lend a hand in building good roads for New Hanover county. They were happy to have had the privilege of going home and seemed glad to come back.

Several inmates, all of them colored, at the county farm were also allowed to go home for Christmas. One colored woman refused to leave, stating that she preferred to finish her sentence before going home to her children.

All of the convicts were given Christmas day as a holiday and were given a good dinner which they enjoyed very much. Through the generosity of Wilmington citizens, the inmates of the county farm were all provided with a splendid dinner.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE IN AMERICA IS BEING CONSIDERED

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regarded by its framers in its present form as more of a preparatory measure than anything else, paving the way to a decision by the people at large for universal service, and establishing immediately the correct fundamental principles that must underlie any proper military system. That conclusion must be reached, these officials insist, by any process of reasoning based upon facts, and they look to the men who will enter the continental army, whether they come by the tens or hundreds of thousands in the first few years, to carry home a practical view of the country's military problems.

In determining upon his plan, Secretary Garrison is known to have consulted every general officer of the active army and many on the retired list. In addition he received hundreds of opinions from officers of lower rank and for months conferred early and late with the officers and officials immediately about him in the War Department.

First of All, Machinery.

Efforts of the department officials first will be directed toward convincing Congress that the urgent thing is to get the machinery for a citizen army created, the arms, ammunition and supplies necessary piled up, mobilization points selected and equipped, coast defenses extended and improved—in a word, the foundations laid upon which such features as universal military service, extension of the general staff idea of scientific control and the amount of training necessary for the continental troops may be superimposed later. To attempt to do all this now, they fear, would send the whole plan toppling of its own weight and nothing would be accomplished.

There is no difference except in the numbers of men and amount of training, it is asserted, between the Secretary's proposals and those of the war college division of the general staff, the result being that all authorities are agreed upon the fundamental soundness of the idea of the continental army scheme, which embodies the central idea of placing the national defense in the hands of the Nation instead of the control of 48 state governments.

Did Not Know He Had Kidney Trouble

"Until I applied for life insurance," writes Andrew O'Donnell, Birmingham, Ala., "I did not know that I had kidney trouble, but four physicians who examined me for the company said I had, and each turned me down on account of this insidious trouble. Later I was seriously disabled and used Foley Kidney Pills, and used them persistently, until now one of the same physicians says I'm all right and he will O. K. my application. I have caused many of my friends to buy Foley Kidney Pills."

Overworked kidneys may become inflamed and seriously diseased while the sufferer ignores the warnings. Backache, rheumatism, uric acid in the blood, discolored urine, stiff joints, sore muscles, puffiness under eyes—any and all of these conditions deserve instant attention. Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys to do their work, soothe and heal irritations and help throw out poisonous waste matter from the system.

R. R. Bellamy, Druggist.

CALOMEL DYNAMITES YOUR LIVER! MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Starts Your Liver Better Than Calomel and You Don't Lose a Day's Work

Liven up your sluggish liver! Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working; headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of Calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

NEAR POSITIONS FIRM

Fact Features the Day in the New York Cotton Market—March up to 12.44

New York, Dec. 28.—The feature in the cotton market today was the firmness of the near positions, particularly March which sold up to 12.44 or 10 points above last night's close and closed at 12.41. The general list closed steady at a net advance of 1 to 7 points.

Liverpool did not fully meet the advance which had occurred in domestic markets since last Thursday, but prices here opened at a gain of from 2 to 6 points. Additional January notices, amounting to about 4,500 bales were reported to be in circulation but spot houses were again buyers of January against sales of late deliveries and the firmness in the winter month positions seemed to render the March short interest more or less uneasy. Prices soon improved with the more active positions selling about 5 to 10 points above last night's closing figures. Around 12.19 for January, 12.68 for May and 12.82 for July there was enough realizing to check the advance but support was encountered on comparatively slight reactions, and the undertone was generally steady with the close only 2 or 4 points off from the best. Manchester cables, representing a fair demand for both yarns and cloths, and the continuel bullish character of reports from the domestic trade encouraged the advance, while at times theer were indications of rather a better outside interest. The volume of general business, however, remained small and th improvement in prices seemed chiefly the result of covering or trade buying of March and May. Southern advices re-iterated the reports of steadiness among interior holders.

The arrivals of cotton reported at New York today included 6,825 bales of linters, said to be the largest arrival of linters here for any one day on record.

Port receipts 46,156. United States port stocks 1,732,096.

Closed steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	12.16	12.19	12.14	12.15
March	12.51	12.44	12.37	12.41
May	12.64	12.68	12.63	12.64
July	12.80	12.82	12.78	12.78
October	12.48	12.51	12.47	12.47

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.35; no sales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 11:75; receipts, 12,208; sales, 760; stock, 416,360.

Galveston—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 16,454; sales, 450; stock, 384,517.

Mobile—Middling, 11.69; receipts, 896; sales, 50; stock, 31,163.

Savannah—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 5,597; sales, 768; stock, 214,369.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 1,327; stock, 104,635.

Wilmington—Receipts, 90; stock, 40,-971.

Texas City—Receipts, 7,054.

Norfolk — Middling, 11.75; receipts, 1,596; sales, 943; stock, 131,545.

Baltimore—Exports, 7,189; stock, 1,-870.

Boston—Middling, 12.35; receipts, 457; exports, 280; stock, 10,700.

Philadelphia—Middling, 12.60; stock, 3,588.

New York—Middling, 12.35; receipts, 477; stock, 325,692.

Minor Ports—Stock, 63,090.

Total today — Receipts, 46,156; exports, 7,469; stock, 1,728,500.

Total for week—Receipts, 90,473; exports, 33,110.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,043,203; exports, 2,257,457.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 12.25; receipts, 4,147; shipments, 3,632; sales, 1,714; stock, 240,228.

Memphis—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 5,253; shipments, 2,942; sales, 2,750; stock, 351,338.

Augusta — Middling, 11.63; receipts, 1,586; shipments, 200; sales, 567; stock, 213,905.

St. Louis — Middling, 12¼; receipts, 983; shipments, 629; stock, 15,769.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,210; shipments, 597; stock, 15,528.

Little Rock—Middling, 12.13; receipts, 1,419; shipments, 163; sales, 163; stock, 45,404.

Dallas—Middling, 11.75.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.63;; sales, 227

Total today—Receipts, 14,548; shipments, 8,163; stock, 882,172.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 28. — Spot, steady; good middling, 8.11; middling, 7.78; low middling, 7.34; sales, 8,000, 1,500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 32,000. Futures, very steady. December, 7.60½; December and January, 7.59; January-February, 7.58½; February-March, 7.57; March-April, 7.54½; April-May, 7.49; May-June, 7.44½; June-July, 7.40; July-August, 7.36; August-September, 7.19½; September-October, 7.02½; October-November, 5.97½.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Had Firm Undertone and Stood at Small Advance Yesterday.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—Cotton had a firm undertone and stood at a small advance throughout the session of the local market today, closing steady, 5 to 7 points up. Buying of covers by short and moderate fresh buying by outside traders who were impressed by the reception given the first January tenders was the main support. No pressure to sell developed at any time. It was estimated that an additional 5,000 bales were tendered against January contracts today but they were as quickly taken up as were yesterday's notices.

In the early trading prices rose 5 to 8 points, the market being helped by favorable cables. Reports of firm spot markets in the interior increased the disposition to buy and toward noon the market stood 9 to 10 points up. This was the high of the day. In the afternoon the market became dull with a heavy feeling and prices sagged off somewhat but without showing weakness

Considerable bearish comment was aroused by the very small export movement, total foreign shipments from all ports for the day amounting to only 7,469 bales, but without causing selling of consequence.

Futures closed steady: January 11.94; March 12.27; May 12.56; July 12.73; October 12.38.

Spot cotton steady, unchanged; sales on the spot 355 bales; to arrive 405.

DECIDED SETBACK IN WHEAT

Brought About by General Selling to Realize Profits and Close Up Accounts.

Chicago, Dec. 28. — General selling to realize profits and to close up accounts for the year brought about a decided setback today in the value of wheat. Prices at the close were unsettled, but 1½ to 3½c. net lower, with May at 1.24⅝@¾ and July at 1.16¼.

Corn lost 1¼@1⅝ to 2⅛, and oats ½@⅝ to 1c.

Provisions finished unchanged to 35c. down.

Closing:

Wheat—May, 1.24⅝; July, 1.16¼

Corn—December, 71⅝; May, 75⅝.

Oats—December, 42¾; May, 47.

Pork—January, 18.50; May, 18.75.

Lard—January, 9.70; May, 9.97.

Ribs—January, 9.92; May, 10.27.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 3, red, 1.16@1.23; No. 2, hard, 1.23@1.25½; No. 3, hard, 1.17@1.19½.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, nominal; No 4, yellow, 69@70½; No. 4, white, 68½@70.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

Chamber of Commerce.)

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington STAR OFFICE, Dec. 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.15; small, $5.00.

TAR—$2.10-8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, nominal Tar, $2.00-8½c. Crude turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.35.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin .....(—)

Tar .....(—)

Crude Turpentine .....(—)

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 2 barrels; tar, 100 barrels; crude turpentine, 8 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11¾. Quotations same day last year 7¼c.

Receipts—35 bales; same day last year, 869 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 136,337 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 96,396 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, Dec. 28.

Atlantic Coast Line—35 bales cotton.

Total—35 bales cotton.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 27).

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co)

Wilmington, Dec. 27.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 26 —Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4½c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¾c. per lb ; new prime, 3¼c. to 3½c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2½c. to 3c. per lb.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼; sterling, sixty day bills, 4.6960; demand, 4.73¼; cables, 4.74¼. Bar silver, 54⅛. Mexican dollars, 41⅛. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, firm; sixty days, 2½@3; ninety days, 2¾@3; six months, 3 Call money, steady; ruling rate, 2.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28. — Cotton seed oil was in light demand, the trading being professional in character. Final prices were one point higher to two points net lower. Prime crude, 7.33@7.40; prime summer yellow, spot, and December, 8.49; January, 8.51; February, 8.48; March, 8.47; April, 8.50; May, 8.57; June, 8.60; July, 8.66. Prime winter yellow and summer white, 8.50.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28. — Cotton goods markets were strong today and yarns advanced. Burlaps advanced again in consequence of the sinking of another burlap laden ship in the Mediterranean.

STOCKS UNDER PRESSURE

Foreign Affairs Mainly Accountable, Reported Crisis in British Cabinet Especially.

New York, Dec. 28.—Foreign affairs, particularly the reported crisis in the British cabinet, were held to be mainly accountable for the pronounced change in speculative sentiment today. Instead of the breadth and higher prices that characterized yesterday's extensive operations there was a succession of selling movements, with intervals of feeble rallies. Many recent gains were dissipated, United States Steel, again th leader, recording an extreme loss of 1 3-8 at 87 5-8, from which it made only slight recovery.

Anaconda Copper, whose directors fulfilled popular expectations by increasing the quarterly dividend from $1 to $1.50, was under steady pressure and other issues of that group, notably American Smelting, denoted substantial selling, regardless of another rise in copper metal to 22 1-2c for future delivery.

Oil stocks were very active and strong for a time, Mexican Petroleum rising 2 1-2 to the new price of 110 1-8, but elsewhere among the various high priced specialties and utilities the market seemed to lack stability or actual support.

Rails, especially St. Paul and New Haven, were steady to strong in the forenoon, but lost ground in common with the entire list toward the close of the session. Texas & Pacific was weak, falling 7 points to 8 1-2 on the threatened receivership.

More than a proportionate amount of the day's moderate trading occurred in the morning, the movement being a drifting one in the afternoon. The tone at the close was heavy, all the activity of the last half hour being at the expense of quoted values. Anglo-French fives were again a restraining influence, although dealings were relatively light. All quotations for this issue were between 94 1-8 and 94, the new minimum, with a majority of sales at the lower figure.

International shares were again sold by London and the rise in demand sterling to 473 3-8, the highest rate for the current movement, probably bore some relation to that fact. Francs were steady but Russian exchange was weak with rubles at 31, a fraction above the low record.

Bonds were irregular. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmrs	32
American Beet Sugar	69
American Can	59⅜
American Car and Foundry	77¼
American Cotton Oil	54¼
American Locomotive	69
American Smelting	104
American Sugar	115⅝
American Tel and Tel	129
American Tobacco	205
Anaconda Copper	89¼
Atchison	107
Atlantic Coast Line	113⅞
Baldwin Locomotive	117⅞
Baltimore and Ohio	94½
Bethlehem Steel	468
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87½
Canadian Pacific	179⅛
Central Leather	53⅜
Chesapeake and Ohio	62½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	95⅜
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	16½
Consolidated Gas	144
Continental Can	85
Crucible Steel	73⅛
Erie	42
General Electric	173⅛
Great Northern, pfd	125½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	50
Illinois Central	108
Interborough Consol. Corp	21¼
Kansas City Southern	31⅜
Lehigh Valley	81¼
Louisville and Nashville	128½
Liggett and Meyers	245
Lorillard Co	180
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	16½
Missouri Pacific	3⅜
Mexican Petroleum	107
National Lead	65
New York Central	109
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	76¼
Norfolk and Western	122
Northern Pacific	117
Pennsylvania	59
Reading	81⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	54
Seaboard Air Line	17⅜
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39½
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	63⅜
Studebaker Corporation	166¼
Southern Pacific	102½
Southern Railway	23⅜
Southern Railway, pfd	62
Tennessee Copper	60¼
Texas Co	229
Texas and Pacific	9
Union Pacific	138¼
United States Rubber	54⅞
United States Steel	87¾
United States Steel, pfd	116½
Utah Copper	80½
Virginia-Caro. Chem.	48½
Va. Iron, Coal and Coke	63½
Wabash pfd. "B" Ctfs	29¼
Western Union	88½
Westinghouse Electric	69⅛
United Fruit	148

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 28. — Hogs, higher. Bulk, 6.20@6.65; light, 6.00@6.55; mixed, 6.15@6.70; heavy, 6.15@6.75; rough, 6.15@6.30; pigs, 5.00@6.15.

Cattle—Firm. Native beef steers, 6.00@9.75; cows and heifers, 2.80@8.40; calves, 6.75@10.25.

Sheep—Strong. Wethers, 6.60@7.10; ewes, 4.50@6.60; lambs, 7.50@9.90.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 28. — Turpentine, firm, 52½; sales, 218; receipts, 481; shipments, 90; stock, 22,666.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 798; receipts, 3,-967; shipments, 5,773; stock, 105,333. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F and G, 5.45; H, 5.50; I, 5.55; K, 5.85; M, 6.20; N, 6.75; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 28. — Raw sugar, steady; centrifugal, 4.45@4.64; molasses, 3.68@3.87.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7⅝; Santos, No. 4, 9c.

Butter—Unsettled

Cheese—Firm.

Russian railroads in the Caucasus have been equipped with locomotives that burn the waste product from the oil refineries of that region.

The true shield in life's battles is to be armed with the Right.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau,
December 29, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 52 degrees; at 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum, 68 degrees; minimum, 45 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.60 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 4.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Rain Wednesday, colder by night; Thursday fair and colder.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28. — Hoist southeast storm warning 3 P. M. Jacksonville to Cape Henry. Storm over southern Mississippi increasing in intensity and will move east northeast attended by increasing southerly winds on South Atlantic coast tonight, probably reaching gale force and shifting to westerly Wednesday. BOWIE.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 29, 1915.

Sun rises .....7:17 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:12 P. M
Day's length .....9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	3:21	3:38	10:31	11:03
Southport	12:51	1:06	7:23	7:46
Masonboro Inl	12:40	12:55	7:08	7:26

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 28, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	clear	40	24	.0
Asheville	rain	48	38	.22
Atlanta	rain	50	42	1.36
Augusta	cldy	53	42	.38
Baltimore	cldy	44	——	.04
Boston	cldy	42	38	.02
Charleston	rain	68	48	.0
Charlotte	rain	50	32	.74
Chicago	clear	28	10	.0
Galveston	clear	42	42	28
Jacksonv.	clear	72	52	.0
Memphis	rain	32	32	.80
Mobile	rain	66	56	1.58
Montgom'y	rain	60	48	2.34
New Orl.	cldy	72	62	1.76
New York	cldy	44	36	.0
Palestine	snow	30	30	.32
Pittsburg	cldy	32	30	.44
Raleigh	cldy	62	40	.24
Savannah	cldy	70	50	.6
Shreveport	rain	38	38	1.00
St. Louis	cldy	26	12	.01
Washing'n	cldy	48	40	.08

COTTON GENNING BY COUNTIES

Report for North Carolina Crops of 1915 and 1914, Prior to December 13th.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The Census Department announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina for the crops of 1915 and 1914, prior to December 31st, as follows:

County	1915	1914
Alamance	421	572
Alexander	1,209	1,510
Anson	21,946	22,446
Beaufort	7,878	9,293
Bertie	8,796	9,639
Bladen	7,588	9,202
Cabarrus	11,086	11,583
Camden	2,589	3,994
Carteret	1,240	1,418
Catawba	5,757	7,717
Chatham	5,811	6,810
Chowan	3,438	4,783
Cleveland	19,892	21,828
Columbus	7,554	9,459
Craven	5,389	5,112
Cumberland	15,360	22,077
Davidson	1,403	1,282
Davie	1,303	1,012
Duplin	9,307	10,083
Durham	492	777
Edgecombe	23,155	22,267
Franklin	11,259	11,964
Gaston	8,168	7,878
Gates	3,184	4,796
Granville	1,005	1,120
Greene	10,113	7,886
Halifax	23,825	26,640
Harnett	15,332	21,732
Hartford	2,916	4,129
Hoke	10,612	14,188
Iredell	8,547	9,109
Johnston	33,669	43,748
Jones	5,407	5,923
Lee	5,178	6,812
Lenoir	10,572	10,750
Lincoln	5,282	7,143
Martin	7,982	7,824
Mecklenburg	23,262	21,361
Montgomery	3,915	4,449
Moore	2,662	3,438
Nash	22,283	22,828
Northampton	12,451	15,628
Onslow	4,881	4,820
Orange	830	901
Pamlico	5,199	5,833
Pasquotank	3,528	5,885
Pender	1,575	1,620
Perquimans	5,638	7,473
Pitt	21,973	16,600
Polk	1,187	1,266
Randolph	643	777
Richmond	13,255	15,515
Robeson	45,279	60,139
Rowan	6,075	7,370
Rutherford	8,433	10,595
Sampson	19,450	23,196
Scotland	25,349	30,950
Stanly	7,249	7,748
Tyrrell	824	1,012
Union	25,069	25,463
Vance	2,877	3,244
Wake	20,346	25,047
Warren	8,598	9,762
Washington	2,566	3,242
Wayne	25,416	30,625
Wilson	20,483	22,241
All Others	1,162	2,913
Total	667,124	766,445

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No. 41. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 38. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
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No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington Parlor car, Wilmington to Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 51. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 63. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 61. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 55. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 78. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

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In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrights ville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrights-ville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
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c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
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9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:46 P. M.	.....

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The Progressive Railway of the South. Effective June 9th, 1915.

No. 13—4:00 P. M. THROUGH STEEL SLEEPER BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND ATLANTA — THROUGH PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE.

Train for Lumberton Laxton, Laurinburg, Charlotte and intermediate points, connecting at Hamlet for all points North, South and West.

No. 19—5:00 A. M.—THROUGH SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE—Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers. Train for Charlotte and intermediate points, connecting at Hamlet for all points North and West.

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VILLA FUGITIVE IN GUERRERO DISTRICT

With Two Other Leaders Not Accorded Amnesty

THEIR MEN SCATTERED

Payment of Former Villa Troops at Juarez Continues and Enlistment in Carranza Army is Begun. Ammunition Arriving.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—General Francisco Villa, Manuel Medinceitia and Jose E. Rodriguez, the three leaders of the Villa faction not accorded amnesty by the de facto Mexican government, are fugitives in the Guerrero district of Western Chihuahua, according to the latest advices to General Obregon, the Carranza military chief.

Parts of their armies came into Juarez today on trains from the south and west, and supply trains carrying provisions to isolated bodies of former Villa troops were sent in both directions. Payment of former Villa troops at Juarez continues and enlistment of the mustered out men into the Carranza army has begun. Delayed by wrecks on the Nogales-Naco line, 3,000 Carranza troops are to entrain for Juarez tonight for Naco, Sonora. They will detrain at Pelaya, N. M., near the Texas state line, and march into Juarez, according to General Obregon.

Reports from Casas Grandes today to General Obregon were that 1,500 of General Rodriguez's men there were en route to Juarez to be paid off under the peace pact and that General Rodriguez had fled with a few men to join General Villa in the Guerrero district. Another report was that General Medinveitia's men were surrendering in regiments to General Trevino, in the Madera district, their leader with a handful of men having fled also.

Large shipments of ammunition waiting here for transportation to Juarez, on orders of General Obregon, today gave rise to a report that the campaign against Zapata in Morelos state would be organized at Juarez.

NEW SEAMAN'S LAW PRAISED AND DEFENDED IN SPEECHES

Secretary Wilson Appears and Joins in Defense.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The American Association for Labor Legislation, in annual convention here today, devoted a session to praise and defense of the new Seamen's law which became operative November 4th this year, and which some ship owners have declared will drive all American ships off the seas.

"Better no American marine than a merchant marine with no American mariners," was a phrase in an address of Henry W. Farnum, professor of political economy at Yale. Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seaman's Union, declared it would not injure ship owners seriously, though he said it had not been in operation long enough to determine what would be its ultimate effect.

Space on a programme alloted to representatives of steamship associations was left vacant and delegates said that while the ship owners objected to the law, none would accept an invitation to oppose it before their society.

Social insurance and the economic need of health insurance were discussed at the morning session. Dr. Edward T. Devine, chairman of the special committee which drafted a health insurance bill, said the proposal had met with immediate approval from all classes.

Prof. Irving Fisher was elected president of the association.

Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, appeared before the convention unexpectedly late in the day and joined earnestly in the defense of the Seamen's law. He emphasized its humanitarian features, and declared it had achieved for the American seaman his first step toward real freedom.

At tonight's session the retiring president, Henry Seager, of Columbia University, delivered his annual address. He urged that social, industrial and political progress should come before military preparedness.

A resolution asking Congress to call upon the United States Bureau of Vital Statistics and the United States Bureau of Navigation to co-operate in compiling and classifying all data dealing with accidents at sea was adopted by the convention.

NEGRO HOMICIDE IN COLUMBUS.

Alleged Slayer Caught and Jailed. Other Whiteville News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 28.—On last Saturday at Fair Bluff, Mayo Grainger, a negro, shot Gus Thompson, another negro, at close range with a shot gun, mortally wounding him. Thompson died from his wounds yesterday and Grainger was caught last night about 11 o'clock seven miles from the scene of his crime by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Yates and two other men. He was securely handcuffed, brought here this morning and placed in jail to await the next term of court, which convenes on January 31st with Judge R. B. Peebles presiding.

Grainger is a stout negro, about 45 years of age. He has had it in for Thompson for a long while, it is said, and on Christmas day he went out with his gun to shoot him. He failed to leave the community at once after the shooting and said that he was ready to "come down" too. He had threatened the lives of several in the community, it is asserted, and several are reported to have lived in fear of the desperate character.

Mr. J. A. Wilson, of Danville, Va., is here looking after the tobacco interests of this county for the coming year. He will open another warehouse here next season, and speaks hopefully of the best market ever known to this county. Mr. Wilson is urging the farmers to plant their tobacco beds early in January, so as to get the plants set early in the season, which means a great advantage to the growers. He has stored here tobacco seed that are free to all farmers calling for them.

New dwellings and business houses are going up here at the beginning of the New Year. The streets of the city will soon be improved, and the air of progress will be seen on all sides to greet 1916.

Mr. Thomas B. Pierce, a brave soldier and an excellent citizen of Halisboro, died on December 26th. He was 78 years old and had lived an active life.

GEO. W. WATTS OFFERS $68,000 TO CHURCH

For Southern Presbyterian Ministerial Relief.

Conditioned on the Church Raising Twice the Amount During the Year, Which Condition Will be Met, It is Said.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Conditioned upon the church raising twice the amount during the next year, George W. Watts, of Durham, N. C., a wealthy member, has offered to give $68,000 to the Southern Presbyterian church endowment fund for ministerial relief.

Dr. Henry H. Sweets, Louisville, secretary of the board which has charge of the fund, made this announcement here today. With the exception of $100,000, contributed about six years ago by the late H. T. Inman, of Atlanta, the announcement says, this is the largest gift ever made for superannuated preachers of any denomination in the South.

Dr. Sweet's plans already made insured that the terms of Mr. Watts' gift would be met and that the additional money would swell the Southern Presbyterian fund for ministerial relief to $536,000.

BOY-ED DENOUNCES PRESS OF AMERICA AS HE DEPARTS

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ficed by the wild and reckless utterances of an irresponsible press like the Providence Journal. And I venture to predict that in sheer self defense you will be forced to take like measures, notwithstanding the dangerous power of your press.

"While our enemies have been and are being supplied from this country with all forms of death-dealing munitions of war, without which they would have long since been overcome, I have been denounced from one end of the country to the other for having been concerned at the outset of the war in chartering ships to supply our cruisers at sea with coal and food as though it were a crime instead of being, as it and has been considered by your court, to be a strictly lawful act. The ships that brough coal, provisions and supplies from Hong Kong to Admiral Dewey's fleet during the Spanish-American war in 1898 were cleared for Macao and not for the American warships at sea and in their clearance papers it was stated that the cargo consisted of scrap iron.

"Sense of Proportion."

"In this connection I may cite one of the leading American newspapers which said, in December, in regard to the recall of my colleague, Captain von Papen, and myself: 'It will be worth considerable to us if we keep our sense of proportion working and do not permit prejudice to shut out our perspective.'

"It is my heartfelt hope that the United States and Germany, which have so many common interest, will always maintain their friendly relations, that peace will come soon and that the abatement of passion will enable all Americans to have for Germany and Germans the same good will as formerly.

"I say good-bye to all my personal friends in this country, thanking them for the innumerable evidences of friendship I have received at their hands, and express my gratitude to those who have remained impartial and unbiased in a war the bloodshed and misery of which the world has never seen the like before."

NEWSPAPER REPLIES

"Wilful and Deliberate Falsehood," Says Providence Journal.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 28.—The Providence Journal today sent a long wireless dispatch to Captain Karl Boy-Ed on the steamship Rotterdam.

"Your farewell statement to the American people, insofar as it relates to the Providence Journal," the message said, "is a wilful and deliberate falsehood. Has the Providence Journal created a hysterical suspicion concerning the destruction of American factories, the murden of American workmen, or the daily plots against the peace and safety of this government and its citizens, almost all of which acts have been fathered and financed from your own office? Every word of what the Journal has published with regard to your personal connection with these plots has been true and nobody knows it better than yourself."

The message ends with this declaration:

"You know well the reason why the United States government refused to permit you to remain any longer in this country. These reasons were not based on 'hysterical rumors' printed by the providence Journal.

"'Your attempt this morning to make the American people believe such a ridiculous falsehood is your farewell insult to a government and a press that have treated you with unexampled patience in the face of evidence which, had it not been for the protection given your by your official standing, would have long ago placed you behind prison bars."

DECLARES 5 PER CENT.

Richmond Federal Reserve Bank Declares Dividend.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—The Richmond Federal Reserve Bank today declared a dividend of 5 per cent on its capital stock of $3,330,000, which represents stock subscriptions paid in by the 506 member banks in the Fifth Federal Reserve District. The amount of the dividend is $151,000 and covers the period of operations from November 2, 1914, to December 31, 1915. It will be placed to the credit of the various member banks. Governor George Seay said tonight that so far as he knew this was the first dividend declared by any of the Reserve banks.

STORM WARNING ISSUES

Storm of Marked Intensity Over Southern Alabama Moving This Way.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Weather Bureau tonight issued the following storm warning:

"Hoist northeast storm warning 10 p. m. north of Cape Henry, to and including New York. Storm of marked intensity over Southern Alabama moving northeast. Winds will become easterly by Wednesday morning and increasing to gale force."

Warning also displayed on Florida peninsula.

Akron, O., Dec. 28.—Johnny Griffiths, of this city, outpointed Jack Britton, of Chicago, here tonight by a slight margin in 12 fast rounds.

MILITARY DRILLS FOR THE COLLEGE STUDENT

Advocated by Taft in Address on "College Athletics."

Addresses National Collegiate Athletic Association in Annual Session—Dr. Charles Holmes Herty Honored.

New York, Dec. 28.—Former President William H. Taft, who spoke on "College Athletics" at the annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in this city tonight, declared himself in favor of military drills for the college students during the first two years of his under-graduate life.

In reply to questions asked at the close of his address regarding military preparedness, he expressed the opinion that college students would prove excellent material from which to develope army officers and that officers were the principal need of the army today. Mr. Taft said all nations of the world found it difficult to meet the demand for officers. Even the German army's lack of officers was one of its greatest drawbacks.

He pointed out that, while West Point was doing excellent work in this direction, there was still room for the development of a larger number of graduates of the West Point type each year. The addition of several buildings to the present group would almost double the capacity of the academy, while giving appointive power to the Secretary of War would help fill vacancies in the corps where candidates appointed by congressmen failed to pass the examinations and other appointments were not immediately made.

Two changes were made on the football rules committee of the association, Lieutenant Phillip Hayes, Army, and Professor W. A. Lembeth, University of Virginia, replacing Lieutenant D. I. Sultan, Army, and Harris Cope, University of the South.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President, Dean L. E. Baron Briggs, Harvard.

Vice-president, Dean J. R. Angell, Chicago University.

Secretary-Treasurer, F. W. Nicholson, Wesleyan College.

Representatives, first district, Prof. R. F. Corwin, Yale; second district, Prof. Joseph E. Raycroft, Princeton; third district, Prof. C. H. Herty, North Carolina; fourth district, Prof. H. E. Buchanan, Tennessee; fifth district, Prof. G. A. Goodenough, Illinois; sixth district, Prof. C. S. Brewer, Missouri; seventh district, Prof. B. G. Owen, Oklahoma, and eight district, Prof. E. J. Stewart, Oregon Agricultural College.

CONSCRIPTION IN MODIFIED FORM DECIDED ON BY BRITISH CABINET

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the Derby figures—that in certain parts of the country single men have not enrolled in such numbers as would warrant an impartial tribunal in declaring that only a negligible percentage remain outside.

Premier Asquith's pledge, as stated specifically in an open letter to Earl Derby, stands good and the cabinet is agreed it must be fulfilled in the letter and the spirit. For the government knows full well that the Premier's unequivocal pledge to the married men was the sole reason for the wholesale response of the married men. Up to the moment of that declaration the married men held back, but as soon as Mr. Asquith's pledge was given they stepped forward in numbers which were a surprise even to Lord Derby. The anti-conscriptionist ministers offered strong opposition and it is still unknown whether any resignations will follow. It is believed, however, that this is quite likely now.

The line of policy upon which a majority of the ministers agree, indicating that some, at least, of the anti-conscriptionist section of the cabinet so far waived their principle as to consent to modified application of force, is as follows:

First, That the Premier's pledge to married men is binding on the whole government.

Second, That the pledge should be redeemed forthwith.

Third, That the principle of compulsion should be accepted.

Fourth, That the Premier should announce this policy at the earliest opportunity after the re-assembling of Parliament.

It is believed that the actual formal resolution on the new policy has been postponed until another meeting of the cabinet, on Thursday, and that in the short interval Mr. Asquith will be employed in asserting the strongest influences to avert disruption of his cabinet. It is still quite possible that a crisis may be avoided.

MOVE ON SALONIKI SEEMS ABANDONED

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back of the Grecian frontier, while equipment continues to arrive for the French and British at Saloniki, which in the report of General Castelnau is considered by its defenders impregnable.

A change also is noted in the Turkish dispositions at the Dardanelles where the defenders of Gallipoli are in possession of heavier siege guns which have been better served since the Austro-Germans opened the road to Constantinople.

It is understood that the British authorities are making every possible preparation adequatel yto defend the Suez canal and their Egyptian position.

SHOT BY HIS OWN CROWD.

White Man in Wake Acquitted of Killing Negro in Fight.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—Though the coroner's jury tonight acquitted Sidney Horton, prominent citizen of Wakefield, of any crime in shooting Bossie Hopkins, negro, who was killed in an exchange of shots between the white man and the party of negroes last night, the evidence tended to show that Hopkins was killed by his own crowd.

Horton and son were on their way to protest to the mother of Hopkins against conduct of her children when intercepted by the party of blacks and abused. John Grady fired at them and was wounded on the return. Hopkins fell dead a moment later with a bullet in his brain. It was of different type from that used by Horton and indicated accidental discharge of a comrade's gun.

EIGHT INDICTED ON CHARGE OF EFFORT TO CAUSE STRIKES

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Chicago or Washington, and are expected to appear before United States commissioners in those cities to give bonds for their appearance in court here.

Monnett's Name New.

The indictment of Monnett was the sensation of the grand jury proceedings. The bills against his seven codefendants had been predicted for several weeks, but Monnett's name had never been mentioned.

According to Federal officials, Monnett, Fowler, Buchanan and Lamar were indicted as the leaders in the alleged conspiracy. Von Rintelen was the financier and Lamar the paymaster, while Schulteis, Martin and Taylor are accused of doing the actual work of attempting to bribe union workers

Schulteis and Martin are well known as lobbyists. Both were connected with the Anti-Trust League and are said to have been business associates of Lamar.

Taylor is a labor leader in New Jersey.

London, Dec. 28.—The Swedish steamer Noreus, of 1,229 tons gross, was sunk in the North sea on Christmas day. The crew drifted about in two boats in terrific weather until Monday, when they were picked up.

ATTRACTIVE WINTER TOUR

First Gattis Tour of the Season Leaves Next Monday for Florida and Cuba.

The first of the Gattis winter Tours leaves Raleigh next Monday, December 27. It is a very attractive trip of twelve days down the East Coast of Florida and over the marvelous "Over-Sea Extenison" of the Flagler system, to Key Weest, and by steamer across the Florida Straits to Havana. The party will be in Havana and Cuba five days, and on the return trip will make stops at Miami, Palm Beach, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville.

The cost of the trip is very reasonable—only $130 from Wilmington, including all necessary expenses for the entire trip, such as railroad and steamship fares, Pullman and hotel accommodations, dining car meals, and many attractive sight-seeing excursions while in Havana and Cuba, and at the points to be visited en route.

The party, which will be personally conducted, will leave Raleigh in a special pullman car on Seaboard train No 8 next Monday afternoon, December 27. Many in this section and in South Carolina are arranging to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the magnificent winter resorts on the East Coast of Florida and the historic old city of Havana.

Other attractive trips will be operated by the Gattis Tours during January, February and March. They have Tours of fifteen, twenty, thirty, and thirty-five days to Florida and Cuba, the Mardi Gras (New Orleans), Panama, Jamaica, New York, and Bermuda.

Attractive illustrated booklet descriptive of all their winter trips has just been issued, and those interested in vacation Tours during the winter will be mailed copy of same promptly on request. Gattis Tours, Raleigh, N. C.

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